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Name	Zip Code	Community name	About the community	Nearby areas to include or not include	Other community information	Other public comments
Karla Fernandez	-	Southeast Los Angeles	-	-	-	(See attachment A-1).
Ronald Fomalong	90290	Topanga	-	-	-	(See attachment A-2).
Nancy Rothenberg	-	Santa Monica Mountains and COG Cities	-	-	-	Honorable Commissioners: On behalf of the Calabasas Highlands Homeowners Association I am submitting our comments on the current redistricting process. The Calabasas Highlands is part of the Santa Monica Mountains + COG Cities Community of Interest (COI) and we strongly advocate that it stay together as outlined in the attached Las Virgenes Homeowners' Federation (LVHF) letter. We very much support the position of the LVHF that we are in one cohesive, longstanding COI that cannot be fragmented and must remain intact in the same single supervisorial district. Unincorporated County and the COG cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Westlake Village form a cohesive, compact, contiguous special Santa

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						<p>Monica Mountains community of interest where residents, communities, and natural resource protection benefit from being maintained together in a single District.</p> <p>Thank you for your serious consideration of the attached letter.</p> <p>Nancy Rothenberg, President Calabasas Highlands HOA</p> <p><i>(See Attachment A-3).</i></p>
Robert T. Lancet	-	Santa Monica Mountains and COG Cities	-	-	-	<i>(See Attachment A-4).</i>
Anita McQuillan	-	Santa Monica Mountains and COG Cities	<p>Honorable Commissioners:</p> <p>I am a resident of Calabasas and our community is embedded in the Santa Monica Mountains + COG Cities COMMUNITY OF INTEREST (COI). We respectfully request that you keep our entire COI together.</p> <p>It is one cohesive, longstanding COI that cannot be fragmented and must remain intact in the same single supervisorial</p>			

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		<p>district. Unincorporated County and the COG cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Westlake Village form a cohesive, compact, contiguous special Santa Monica Mountains community of interest where residents, communities, and natural resource protection benefit from being maintained together in a single District.</p> <p>The Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains portion of this COI is divided into 2 inseparable, land-use policy areas -- the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program (LCP) and the adjacent North Area Plan (NAP) reflected on the map below in blue and green. These two-governing land-use policy documents are administered, implemented, and enforced by the L.A. County Department of Regional Planning and are intentionally aligned. They are contiguous and adjoined to the five COG</p>			
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		<p>cities, forming our compact COI.</p> <p>We are an inextricable part of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) which is best described by the National Park Service, “as the largest urban national park in the country, encompassing more than 150,000 acres of mountains and coastline. *It comprises a “seamless network” of local, state, and federal parks interwoven with private lands and communities. As one of only five Mediterranean ecosystems in the world, it preserves the rich biological diversity of more than 450 animal species and 26 distinct plant communities.”</p> <p>Our interconnected rural villages, mountain/coastal communities all share a rich pro-preservation and conservation history; the same synced resource and wildlife protective land-use policies; and unified and coordinated wildfire firefighting resources, evacuation, and</p>			
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		<p>emergency preparedness, as we (the entire COI) are all located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). Wildfire is our shared number one safety issue.</p> <p>Our unique National Recreation Area hosts between 15-20 million visitors per year fueling a shared visitor serving economic engine of almost a billion dollars annually.</p> <p>We are all part of the very fabric of the Santa Monica Mountains with all the wild things that call it home, and we cannot be separated, or cut out.</p> <p>We respectfully ask the Commission to keep us together as one unique Community of Interest in a single Supervisorial District.</p>			
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			Sincerely, Anita McQuillan			
David H. Aizuss	-	Santa Monica Mountains and COG Cities	-	-	-	(See attachment A-5).
Jody Thomas	-	Santa Monica Mountains and COG Cities	-	-	-	(See attachment A-6).
Susan Ellis		Santa Monica Mountains and COG Cities				(See attachment A-7).
Shannon Ggem	-	Santa Monica Mountains and COG Cities	-	-	-	(See attachment A-8).
Leah Culberg	-	Triunfo-Lobo / Las Virgenes	-	-	-	Dear Commissioners, As a 45 year resident of and active participant in the Triunfo-Lobo Community, I very much hope you hear our plea to keep our greater Las Virgenes community intact as has been advocated in the attached Las

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						<p>Virgenes Homeowners Federation letter.</p> <p>Thank-you for your consideration, Leah Culberg</p> <p><i>(See attachment A-9).</i></p>
Debbie Larson	-	Santa Monica Mountains and COG Cities	-	-	-	<i>(See attachment A-10).</i>
Robert Lia	-	Santa Monica Mountains and COG Cities	-	-	-	<i>(See attachment A-11).</i>
Ruth Watson	-	Santa Monica Mountains and COG Cities	-	-	-	<i>(See attachment A-12).</i>
Joan Slimocosky	-	Santa Monica Mountains and COG Cities	-	-	-	<i>(See attachment A-13).</i>
	-	Santa Monica	-	-	-	<i>(See attachment A-14).</i>

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Murray Sumner		Mountains and COG Cities				
Joe Chilco	-	Calabasas	<p>Honorable Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a resident of Calabasas. Our community is embedded in the Santa Monica Mountains and COG Cities COMMUNITY OF INTEREST (COI).</p> <p>Our COI is Unincorporated County and the COG cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Westlake Village and the Santa Monica Mountains.</p> <p>Our cohesive, longstanding COI should have the same single supervisorial district.</p> <p>The entire COI is located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). Wildfire is our shared number one safety issue.</p> <p>The Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains portion of this COI is divided into 2 inseparable, land-use</p>	-	-	-

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			Sincerely, Joe Chilco Calabasas, CA			
Pat Henkel	-	Las Virgenes	-	-	-	<p>My name is Pat Henkel and I am President of Malibu Lakeside Community Association and a 30 year resident of the community that is part of the Santa Monica Mountains + COG COI and I strongly advocate that it stay together as has been outlined in the attached Las Virgenes Homeowners letter.</p> <p><i>(See Attachment A-15).</i></p>
Mollie Helfand	-	Santa Monica Mountains and COG Cities	-	-	-	<i>(See Attachment A-16).</i>
Renee Taylor	-	Santa Monica Mountains and COG Cities	-	-	-	<i>(See Attachment A-17).</i>

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Amber Victoria / Denis Weber	91301	Agoura Hills	-	-	-	(See Attachment A-18).
Larry Willett	91302	Santa Monica Mountains and COG Cities	<p>Honorable Commissioners:</p> <p>I am a resident of Calabasas and our community is embedded in the Santa Monica Mountains + COG Cities COMMUNITY OF INTEREST (COI). We respectfully request that you keep our entire COI together.</p> <p>It is one cohesive, longstanding COI that cannot be fragmented and must remain intact in the same single supervisorial district. Unincorporated County and the COG cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Westlake Village form a cohesive, compact, contiguous special Santa Monica Mountains community of interest where residents, communities, and natural resource protection benefit from being</p>	-	-	-

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Laura Gross	-	Santa Monica Mountains and COG Cities	-	-	-	<i>(See Attachment A-19).</i>
Scott Martin	-	Hacienda Heights	-	-	-	The Hacienda Heights Improvement Association (HHIA), an IRS 501 (c)(4) nonprofit and 73 years old Civic League organization

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						<p>is late to this process and needs to know whether one can still download the mapping software and use it to draw up where our Unincorporated Area (UA) of Hacienda Heights should remain, currently inside the 4th Supervisorial District responsibly overseen by Supervisor Janice Hahn. I did attend the virtual LA Co. Citizens Redistricting Commission meeting on 6 Oct. 2021, and learned more about Communities of Interest (COI), saw the draft mapping being created by the consultant ARCBridge, and heard input from the Commissioners.</p> <p>I have submit an online request to have a 6 minute appointment to share (yet to be done) HHIA's recommendation for where our unincorporated area should reside within the 4th District.</p> <p>Thank you for taking time to read my questions and hopefully there is time still</p>
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						<p>to participate in this process.</p> <p>I received a call yesterday from an Isabella in Sacramento, then was referred to/spoke to a Sulma Hernandez (916-224-9143), also in Sac. Sulma let me know the timeline for submitting maps ended at 1700 hrs. On Monday 11 Oct. 21. Sulma suggested I could still submit Hacienda Heights' preference and whether any changes should be made to our 4th District lines however; anything I submit I cannot speak to in a public input session.</p> <p>I attempted to navigate my way through using the ArcGIS Mapping Software, I have to say that using the mapping software almost required a Masters Degree both in IT and Engineering so I had to do this assignment in a very rudimentary way. I took a screen shot of the N/E quadrant of the 4th District, completed the page where one submits their map and a request</p>
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						<p>to speak at the 13 Oct. 2021 meeting, and hit the send button. I completed the Public Comment application including a document that is/was supposed to be our map (see attached screen shots) and below is the narrative I included. I understand I cannot officially speak and our submission is more of an “FYI” however; I know at least submitting SOMETHING on behalf of the residents of Hacienda Heights is better than doing nothing, so, here is our best effort.</p> <p>I understand this is a herculean task you and your Commissioners are taking on and thank you for that.</p> <p><i>(See Attachment 20).</i></p>
Rhoda and John Novak	-	Santa Monica Mountains and COG Cities	-	-	-	<p><i>(See Attachment 21).</i></p>

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Priscilla, Mel, & Celene Lee	-	-	-	-	-	(See Attachment 22).
Jolie Willett	-	-	-	-	-	(See Attachment 23).
Roger Pugliese	90290	Topanga	-	-	-	(See Attachment 24).
Ken Mazur	-	Topanga	-	-	-	(See Attachment 25).
Cynthia Maxwell	-	Las Virgenes	Dear Commissioners, As an resident of Cold Creek for 30 years and very active in the Santa Monica community for over 50 years, I very much hope you hear our plea to keep our greater Las Virgenes community intact as has been advocated in the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation letter. As many of our communities are not formally considered "cities" we are communities that have formed strong bonds dedicated to keeping our unique area as healthy as possible. We strongly oppose any redistricting	-	-	-

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			that would impede these efforts. Sincerely, Cynthia Maxwell			
Laura Zavala	90023	Boyle Heights	<p>The eastside is rooted and connected by a long and rich history of community organizing and strong cultural roots. The roots of resilient and persistent working class, immigrant communities of color.</p> <p>A community that still, to this day, continues to fight for the right to a quality education, affordable housing, accessible resources and the right to have a voice in systems that have historically left out communities most impacted in decision making spaces.</p>	<p>Keep the Eastside together, Lincoln Heights, El Sereno, City Terrace, Boyle Heights and East LA incorporated should be together and keep with SD 1</p>	-	-
Estefany Garcia	90032	El Sereno	<p>Hello my name is Estefany Garcia and I am an alumni of the Los Angeles Unified School District that attended Sierra Park Elementary School, El Sereno Middle School, and Anahuacalmecac High School.</p> <p>I was raised in El</p>	<p>I want to be in SD district 1 with El Sereno, East LA, Boyle Heights, Lincoln Heights, and City Terrace</p> <p>I don't want to be in a district with Downtown LA, Alhambra</p>	<p>Hello my name is Estefany Garcia and I am an alumni of the Los Angeles Unified School District that attended Sierra Park Elementary School, El Sereno Middle School, and Anahuacalmecac High School.</p> <p>I was raised in El Sereno and my community is proudly a part of the Eastside of Los Angeles. For me the Eastside includes</p>	-

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		<p>Sereno and my community is proudly a part of the Eastside of Los Angeles. For me the Eastside includes neighborhoods such as East LA, Boyle Heights, Lincoln Heights, and City Terrace. In my spare time, I enjoy going to the El Sereno library to read new books, organize community events with my neighbors at the autonomous community space the Eastside Cafe, and hiking on the weekends at Ascot Hills.</p> <p>I was raised by my mentors of community organizers from the Eastside Cafe and InnerCity Struggle who encouraged me to go to college, and instilled in me the value of giving back to our community.</p> <p>I am here today because I want to uplift that it is important for us as El Sereno and the Eastside to remain a community of interest because we come from</p>	<p>neighborhoods such as East LA, Boyle Heights, Lincoln Heights, and City Terrace. In my spare time, I enjoy going to the El Sereno library to read new books, organize community events with my neighbors at the autonomous community space the Eastside Cafe, and hiking on the weekends at Ascot Hills.</p> <p>I was raised by my mentors of community organizers from the Eastside Cafe and InnerCity Struggle who encouraged me to go to college, and instilled in me the value of giving back to our community.</p> <p>I am here today because I want to uplift that it is important for us as El Sereno and the Eastside to remain a community of interest because we come from similar backgrounds of struggle and resilience. In El Sereno, Huntington Drive, Soto Street, and North Mission Rd, bridge us together as immigrants, low income, working class, spanish speaking community of renters, that work hard to ensure the next generation have access to equitable resources.</p> <p>For District 2, we need someone who represents us the way that Board Member Monica Garcia has been able to by ensuring that</p>	
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Brenda Ortega	90023	Boyle Heights	<p>My name is Brenda Ortega and I am with Inner City Struggle and Organization in Boyle Heights.</p> <p>I had the opportunity to work in the distribution of Rapid Relief funds to families in need.</p> <p>In our community we saw great disparities due to covid, families being forced out of their homes. Families being left without any income.</p> <p>In our community we have the essential workers who worked throughout the pandemic.</p> <p>The eastside Lincoln Heights, Boyle Heights</p>	Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, El Sereno, Lincoln Heights, keep it together	Our community is unique.	-

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			<p>and El Sereno are joined by the fight that we carry to ensure that we are protecting our schools. Expanding protection for our tenants and ensuring that we bring equitable resources to bring back into the community. I ask you to please listen to us and make the eastside stronger.</p>			
Ruby Rivera	90023	Boyle Heights	<p>The Eastside communities of unincorporated East Los Angeles, City Terrace, Boyle Heights, El Sereno and Lincoln Heights have a shared cultural history and legacy that make them a larger community of interest that should remain together with the rest of the current SD 1.</p> <p>The Eastside's natural trajectory is toward the eastern part of Los Angeles County. It is NOT toward the North, West or South. Moving the Eastside communities into a separate supervisorial district would be removing our communities from their</p>	<p>I want SD1 to remain as is. The power that has been built by community members in this area is well represented by SD1. I feel that breaking up SD1 would impact this work and the relationships built. El Sereno, Lincoln Heights, Boyle Heights, and East LA are all one Eastside and we need to be together.</p>	-	<p>I am submitting this public comment letter to urge the Commission to keep the historic Eastside communities of unincorporated East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, City Terrace, El Sereno and Lincoln Heights together and in their current Supervisorial District 1. It is important to ensure that these communities remain unified in Supervisorial District 1 and that they NOT be broken up and placed into separate Districts.</p>

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			more natural communities of interest located in the eastern part of the County where SD 1 is situated.			
Carla Torres Montero	90023	Boyle Heights	My community is made up of hard working essential and blue collar workers. We are a diverse group of people that care for one another and work hard to bring resources to everyone, including the youth. All of our community is connected by culture and history! We demand that our leaders reflect AND meet the needs of our community.	We would like to be put with SD1! All of our community belongs together!	-	-
Sandra Guzman	90023	East Los los angeles	Keep us in district 1 we are the historical east side we have history and legacy together SD1 where we have been , our community has gone through gentrification we don't need more of that.	n/a	Do not divided the East side area specifically District 1	Keep us is SD1
Brigette Plascencia	90031	Lincoln Heights	Medium to low income families. We have the same struggles, housing, education, employment among other challenges.	Want to be with Boyle Heights, East LA, El Sereno and City Terrace. We share the same interest and challenges. Keep the east side together. Share same cultures and interest.	We have the right to have a councilmember that advocates for our communities as a whole and not prioritize wealthier communities.	We deserve to be with communities that share the same interest and struggles. Keep the eastside as a whole!

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				Don't have much in common with Eagle Rock.		
Karrie Harris	90023	Boyle Heights	My community is apart of a historical history for the East side and there are shared cultural and similarities that make this a tight nit community.	Lincoln Heights and El Serrano	-	We want to stay in District 1
Carlos Daniel Jimenez	90023	Boyle Heights	our community is composed of hard working individuals who out to work everyday to win the bread for their families. we are immigrants and essential workers who fight everyday to have resources for their families. Our community is rich of culture, gastronomy and diversity. We have a deep history of struggle and disinvestment.	I want you all to keep the east Side together in district 1 as this community share many characteristics that bind them such as their struggles in housing, SES , and culture.	-	I want to recommend that you keep the East Side together in district one so that we can continue to advocate for better resources and continue to bring more resources to our families.
Orlando Martinez	90033	Boyle Heights	Immigrant Rights. Educational funding. Renters' rights. Increased worker rights.	Lincoln Heights, El Sereno, East LA	-	Dear Los Angeles County Redistricting Commission, My name is Orlando Martinez and I am a stakeholder of Los Angeles County in District 1. I am submitting this public comment letter to urge the Commission to keep the historic

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						<p>removing our communities from their more natural communities of interest located in the eastern part of the County where SD 1 is situated.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of my submitted public comment.</p> <p>Respectfully, Orlando Martinez</p>
Waldo Gonzalez	90023	Boyle Heights	The Eastside communities of unincorporated East Los Angeles, City Terrace, Boyle Heights, El Sereno and Lincoln Heights have a shared cultural history and legacy that make them a larger community of interest that should remain together with the rest of the current SD 1.	The Eastside's natural trajectory is toward the eastern part of Los Angeles County. It is NOT toward the North, West or South. Moving the Eastside communities into a separate supervisorial district would be removing our communities from their more natural communities of interest located in the eastern part of the County where SD 1 is situated.	I urge the Commission to keep the historic Eastside communities of unincorporated East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, City Terrace, El Sereno and Lincoln Heights together and in their current Supervisorial District 1. It is important to ensure that these communities remain unified in Supervisorial District 1 and that they NOT be broken up and placed into separate Districts.	-
Kristian Cardenas	90031	Lincoln Heights	We are a community made up of immigrants and first generation folks. The average yearly income is less than \$50,000. The overwhelming majority of our residents are hispanic. What is important to my	I am from Lincoln heights and would like to be grouped with El Sereno, Boyle Heights, City Terrace and East LA. We have so many similarities. we are majority Latino and would like to stay with our elected Latina Supervisor. BH are our	-	Please keep us in SD1. do not erase our voice and dilute our organizing power.

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			community is fighting displacement, escaping cycles of poverty, and getting the best possible education for our youth.	literal neighbors, we organize together, visit family there, and eat at restaraunts in each other's neighborhoods. We don't do that with the valley. They are mostly white and more affluent. There is no history of LH and the valley working together and having things in common. The valley is so far away. LH needs to stay with district 1 along with boyle heights, east la, el sereno, and city terrace. we are communities of interest with many similarities.		
Maria Brenes	90032	El Sereno - Eastside of Los Angeles	I reside in El Sereno and have lived here since 2006 and prior to that lived in Lincoln Heights. I have work in Boyle Heights since 2002. I am also very active in unincorporated East LA particularly in the public schools. My children attend school in Solano Canyon next to Dodger Stadium. These four communities of Boyle Heights, unincorporated East LA, El Sereno and Lincoln Heights have many ties in terms of	I want my community of El Sereno to remain in the First District with Boyle Heights, Lincoln Heights and unincorporated East LA.	The Eastside of LA - Boyle Heights, El Sereno, Lincoln Heights and unincorporated East LA should remain in the First District (SD1).	The Eastside of LA - Boyle Heights, El Sereno, Lincoln Heights and unincorporated East LA should remain in the First District (SD1).

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			history, language, culture and family connections. This is the historic Eastside! Please keep our communities together in the First District for LA County. Keep us all in SD1 for the next 10 years.			
Cinthia Gonzalez	90023	Boyle Heights	My community is full of culture, togetherness and the willingness to keep fighting despite societal problems. We enjoy taking pride in the moments when we bring unity together. From football nights to cultural events like Dia De Los Muertos. The things that bring us together are moments or events where we get to rejoice in the things that make us similar and different. From bring undocumented to 2nd generation. It does not matter. The things that are important for us as a community of Boyle Heights, East LA, El Sereno, Lincoln Heights is the fact that we get to rejoice in being together in this experience.	I want us as community to stay together. East LA is always culturally and district wise composed of Boyle Heights and East LA. We want to stay together as SD1. We share so many common goals, infrastructure and need to sustain this community as a whole. Many organizations have worked hard to provide for this community and by splitting us up it will only make things politically harder to help our community. We do not want to be part of any neighborhood that does not understand who we are, what our struggles are and what we wish to accomplish as a whole.	Our community has fought hard to be where we are at. Politically, culturally and as a society. We do not want to split up because we still have more to work towards as a community together.	These decisions will affect us as a whole community. Please do not make decisions without keeping in mind the constituents of the Eastside.
Michelle Aranda Coss	90023	Eastside	We are largely immigrant community,	-	We want to be apart of SD2! As a district we have been able to	We want to be part of SD2. Leave SD 2 as is.

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			working class Black Indigenous people of color. We are brought together through immigrant culture of sharing food and struggles. We have fought for housing rights, worker and immigrant rights as a community.		have many wins for students including more equitable funding.	
Ana Godoy	90023	Boyle Heights	Boyle heights is a community rich with history. BH has fought for student rights in collaboration with it's neighboring communities -LH, ELA, El Sereno, etc. We are community of immigrants, predominately Latinx, low-income, street vendors. It is important our community stays together to keep our collective power we have built over the years.	District 1 needs to remain as is. We have historically come together and relate to communities in the Eastern region of LA county. We do not share similar communities of interest with districts in the north, south or west side of LA county.	Keep district 1 together and concentrated in the Eastern part of LA county.	I urge you to listen to the voices of community members from the Eastside that includes, El Sereno, Lincoln Heights, City Terrace, East Los Angeles, and Boyle Heights.
Ruby Rivera	90262	Lynwood	I am a constituent of Lynwood. Lynwood is a community of homeowners and tenants. We are a working class community of color. Lynwood has a rich and proud history and residents are committed to	I believe we share similarities with communities like Compton that has a similar structure to us. I also believe we share similarities with the SELA Communities of Paramount, South Gate, Huntington Park, Cudahy,	I do not agree that our community should be included in SD4. I think that SD2 has been able to uplift our needs as a community and better represents Lynwood as a community. SD4 has shown a preference for middle class homeowners and landlords and deals with a much different demographic than that of our community.	Keep Lynwood in SD2

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			community improvements and our local governing boards (city council and School Board). We were built as a suburb but function as a connected community engaging in mutual support and public safety through neighborhood watch rather than reliance on the sheriff. We are a community of immigrants, children of immigrants, descendants of the migration to the west of enslaved people in the south. Migration from the island of Samoa, from Latin America, Veterans, returning college grads, Lynwood alumni. We are a community of legacies, of generations of families growing and remaining here. We have interests in education, youth and community development, and environmental justice.	Bell, Bell Gardens, and Maywood.		
Yanira Gonzalez	90023	Boyle Heights	Our community is a predominantly Latino community with a rich political and cultural history that should be	Boyle Heights, unincorporated East Los Angeles, City Terrace, El Sereno and Lincoln Heights have a shared	Separating our communities hurts not only our region but also the Latino community in our city, in our state as together we stand as a powerful voice for Latino	-

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			upheld and protected. We are united as hard working class communities with deep roots in Los Angeles of families that deeply feel and work towards the American dreams promise of liberty, equality and entrepreneurship	cultural history and legacy and should remain together in SD1	families so that we can-t be ignored	
Argelia Garcia	90032	Eastside	The Eastside is comprised of communities of unincorporated East Los Angeles, City Terrace, Boyle Heights, El Sereno and Lincoln Heights have a shared cultural history and legacy, sharing language, culture, and family bonds.	The Eastside's natural historical , geographical and cultural trajectory is toward the eastern part of Los Angeles County. It is NOT toward the North, West or South. Moving the Eastside communities into a separate supervisorial district would be removing our communities from their more natural communities of interest located in the eastern part of the County where SD 1 is situated.	We are a community of interest that should remain together with the rest of the current SD1 1.	Urging the Commission to keep the historic Eastside communities of unincorporated East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, City Terrace, El Sereno and Lincoln Heights together and in their current Supervisorial District 1. It is important to ensure that these communities remain unified in Supervisorial District 1 and that they NOT be broken up and placed into separate Districts.
Erika Jimenez	90023	Boyle Heights	My community is mostly made of a working class spanish speaking community. What is important to our communities is that our communities have the resources to be doing well. We care about affordable housing, having affordable health care	-	Our community is mostly made up of renters community. We need to ensure that our working class community is not being pushed out of Boyle Heights as the living cost in Los Angeles keeps growing!	That Supervisorial district 1 stays together! Keep the east side together, do not break it or place us in different district but keep us together.

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			and affordable child care for our working class communities.			
Jose Cornejo	91326	Porter Ranch and San Fernando Valley	Our community is the San Fernando valley. the SFV valley has never had a supervisor that lives in the SFV. It is time!!! We are a separate census designation. Please don't break up the valley. As a Latino in the valley I want my district do be a valley district.	Santa Monica	Our Valley community is a united community. Please keep Porter Ranch, Woodland Hills, Sylmar, Pacoima, North Hollywood, Studio City, Van Nuys, Sherman Oaks, ect... ALL IN ONE DISTRICT. Recent story in Daily News talks about a poll that asked valley residents if they wanted to stay in one district and 76% YES!!!!	KEEP THE SFV TOGETHER
Terri Tippet (Westside NC)	90064	Westside	-	-	-	(See Attachment A-26).
Victor M. Gordo	91413	Pasadena	-	-	-	(See Attachment A-27).
The People's Bloc	-	-	-	-	-	(See Attachment A-28).
Patt Healy	90265	Malibu	-	-	-	(See Attachment A-29).
Chris Rowe	-	San Fernando Valley	-	-	-	(See Attachment A-30).
Tamaryn Bryne	90260	El Camino Village	-	-	-	(See Attachment A-31).

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October 1, 2021

County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission
500 W. Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Prioritizing the Southeast Los Angeles region as a Community of Interest

Dear Commissioners,

Southeast Los Angeles (“SELA”) is a vibrant community with a long and demonstrated history of resilience, self-reliance, and commitment to improving the quality of life in the region. We urge the Commission to recognize SELA as a “community of interest” and that it remains whole within this important redistricting process.

The Southeast Los Angeles Collaborative (“SELA Collaborative”), founded in 2011, is a network of organizations that has gathered to lead SELA into an era of increased vitality by bringing resources to build a robust infrastructure of local nonprofits, informing and engaging residents to increase civic participation, and providing data and research specifically designed to explore the possibilities for this region.

The SELA Collaborative’s work encompasses the SELA region as defined by eight cities and two unincorporated areas. The eight cities include Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Maywood, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Vernon, and South Gate. Its two unincorporated areas are Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park. The above locales fall within a defined geographic region: south of the 5 freeway, east of 110 freeway, north of 91 freeway, and west of the 60 freeway, with all cities neighboring at least one other city within the boundary. The selected locales have similar demographics that include: a high percentage of Latino residents with low socioeconomic status; large immigrant populations; low adult educational attainment; a shared socio-economic history; similar government structures and challenges; and strong social networks.

We are writing to you to emphasize the importance of keeping the communities of SELA together in the drawing of supervisorial districts. SELA Collaborative’s network of residents, local community leaders, businesses, and committed CBOs serving the region are eager to work with you. We welcome the opportunity to provide more input on the SELA region throughout this redistricting process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at kfernandez@selacollab.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karla Fernandez".

Karla M. Fernandez, MPP
Associate Director

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Topanga Chamber of Commerce

"Where Business Thrives, Naturally"

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October 4, 2021

The Topanga Chamber of Commerce strongly supports keeping Topanga within the same supervisorial district as the rest of the communities of the Santa Monica Mountains. We have always been a part of the Santa Monica Mountains and must remain so.

There is already a great deal of confusion as to what and where Topanga is located. Although we are in unincorporated Los Angeles County, many think we are an independent city or part of the City of Los Angeles. The LAPD even has a "Topanga Community Police Station" located many miles outside of Topanga. Attaching Topanga to a district, which may include Santa Monica, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and beyond would make the situation much worse.

Since 1948 the Topanga Chamber of Commerce has worked to unify our community. We have supported a cohesive, positive environment for our citizens and visitors and helped grow our local businesses. These goals will become even more distant if we were severed from our natural connection to the other Santa Monica Mountains communities. Our logo prominently and proudly depicts the Mountains, our residents live within the Santa Monica Mountains, and we share the same concerns and interests of other Santa Monica Mountains residents who live in communities presently in the 3rd District.

When we have to deal with emergencies such as fires, drought, mud and rockslides, our interests and risks are in line with the other Santa Monica Mountains communities. We have a long history of cooperation and communication within the 3rd district and that bond should not be broken.

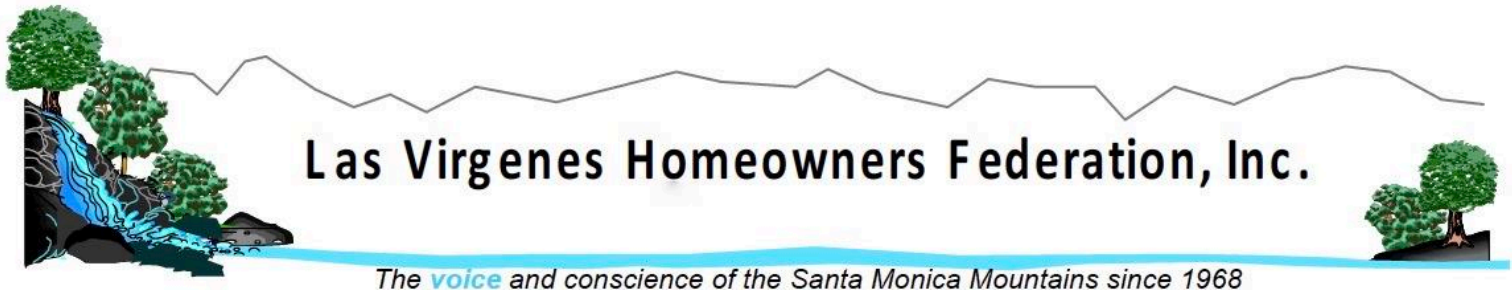
Remove Santa Monica from our district, if you must, but Topanga should remain in the same District as the other communities that make up the Santa Monica Mountains.

Sincerely,

Ron Fomalont
President, Topanga Chamber of Commerce

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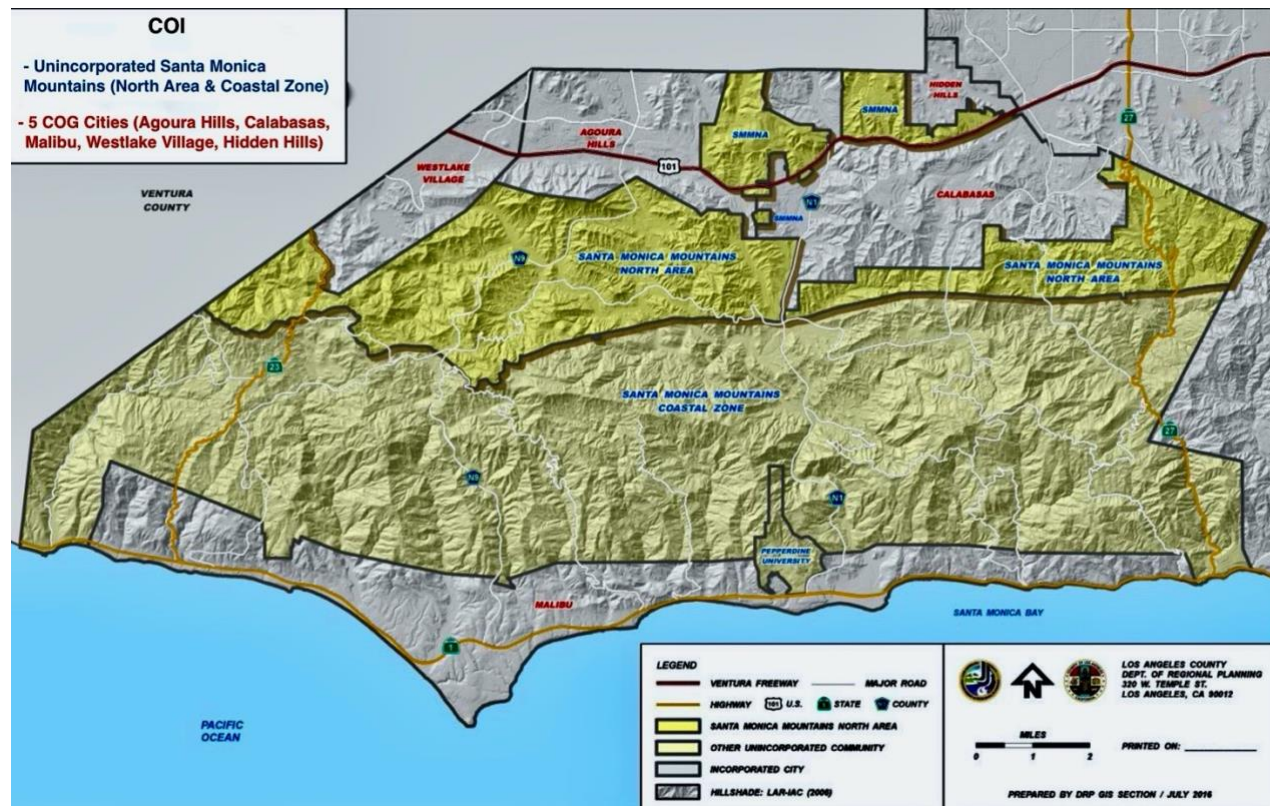


September 29, 2021

Honorable Commissioners:

The Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, Inc., (LVHF) is the oldest and largest umbrella organization of communities and neighborhoods in the Western Santa Monica Mountains.

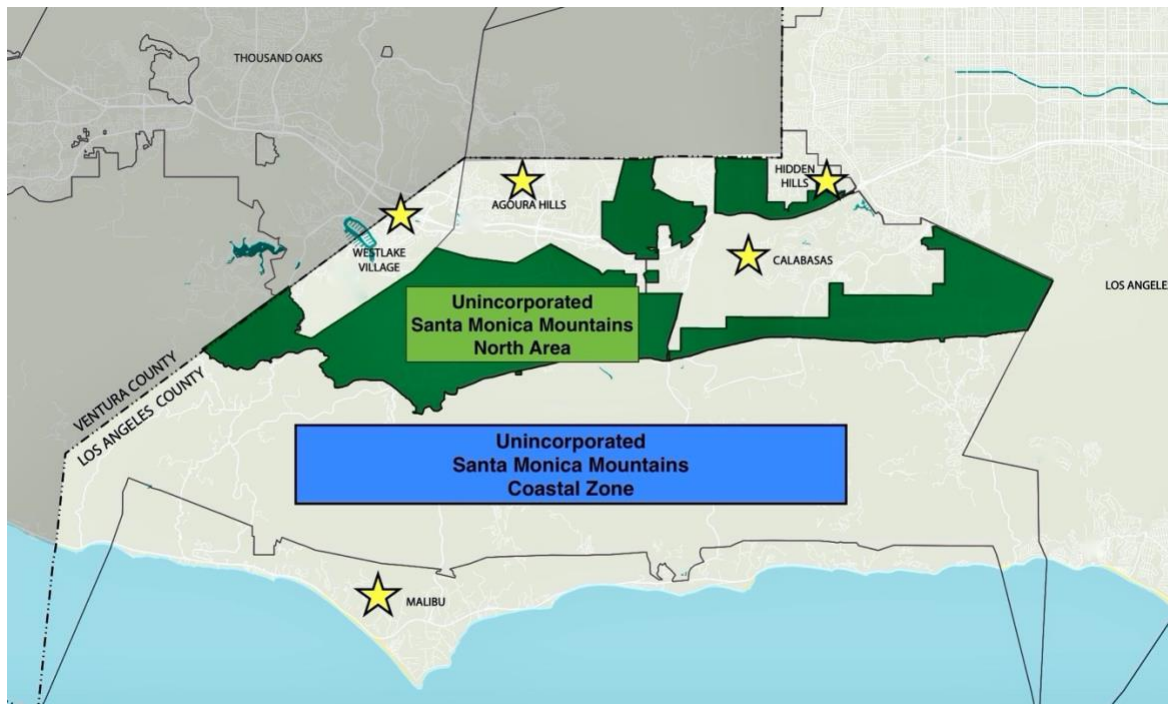
We strongly advocate that our longstanding COI remain together in the same supervisorial district. It consists of: **Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains** and the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (LVMCOG) cities of **Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu** and **Westlake Village**.



COI = The Contiguous Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains (The North Area and the Coastal Zone) and the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Malibu, Westlake Village, Hidden Hills.

It is essential to understand that the Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains portion of this COI is divided into 2 inseparable, land-use policy areas -- the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program (LCP) that encompasses 52,000 acres and the adjacent North Area Plan (NAP) which encompasses 22,000 acres.

These two-governing land-use policy documents are administered, implemented, and enforced by the L.A. County Department of Regional Planning -- and are intentionally aligned. They are contiguous and adjoined to the five COG cities forming the compact COI.



Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains consists of the North Area and the Coastal Zone -- integrated and contiguous with the five COG cities.

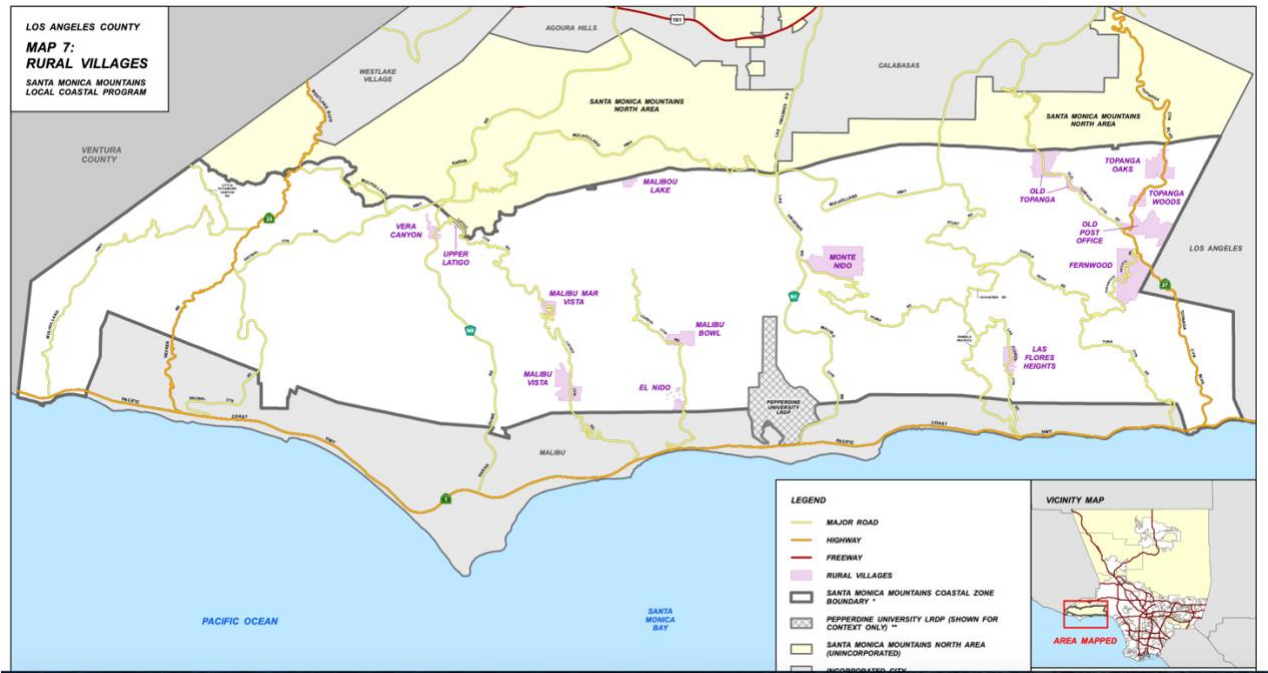
Network of Mountain/Coastal Communities and Rural Villages

We have been representing wildland mountain/coastal communities and thousands of stakeholders united in common and shared interest in this COI for more than 53 years.

We have a shared history that unequivocally binds us -- one that is and always has been focused on preservation and conservation. The land use policies of the COG cities and Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains are **similarly** focused on resource protective policies first and environmental stewardship because stakeholders have worked **together** for decades on COG City General Plans and on the Unincorporated North Area Plan and Local Coastal Program.

Our COI contains a network of **interconnected** designated rural villages, and mountain/coastal communities like: Malibou Lake, Cornell, Topanga, Old Topanga, Calabasas Highlands, Monte Nido, Triunfo Lobo Canyon, Cold Creek, Seminole Springs, Lakeside, Corral Canyon, Sunset Mesa, Old Agoura, Big Rock, Liberty Canyon, Westhills, Sycamore Park, Saratoga Hills, Malibu Canyon, Mountainview, El Nido, Las Flores, Fernwood, etc.

Many of these communities are antiquated subdivisions with single ingress/egress on winding, narrow, steep trails and roadways.



Example of rural villages (pink) crisscrossing the Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains coastal zone.

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA)

The principal park agencies that jointly operate, manage, and comprise the *Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area* are: The National Park Service, California State Parks, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority.



The Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains and COG cities either are fully enclosed in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area or they are Gateways. This map also shows how State Parks are interconnected and woven throughout our COI.

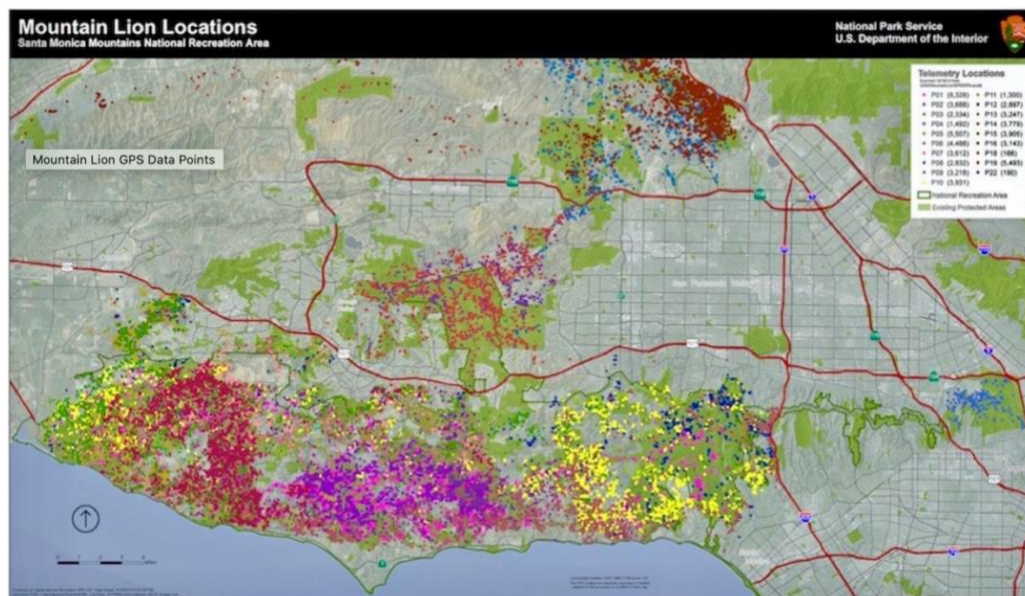


Almost the entire COI is “**nested**” in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA).

The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) is best described by the National Park Service, “as the largest urban national park in the country, encompassing more than 150,000 acres of mountains and coastline. **It comprises a “seamless network” of local, state, and federal parks interwoven with private lands and communities.* As one of only five Mediterranean ecosystems in the world, it preserves the rich biological diversity of more than 450 animal species and 26 distinct plant communities.” **Almost the entire COI is **nested** in the SMMNRA or is a Gateway to the SMMNRA. The City of Malibu and Unincorporated County are fully enclosed.*

Connectivity is Key and just as important for stakeholders/communities as it is for the wildlife -- aka mountain lions. The SMMNRA is a mosaic of parkland, open space, habitat, and **regional trails** all interconnecting in **one eco-system** that link the COG cities and Unincorporated areas.

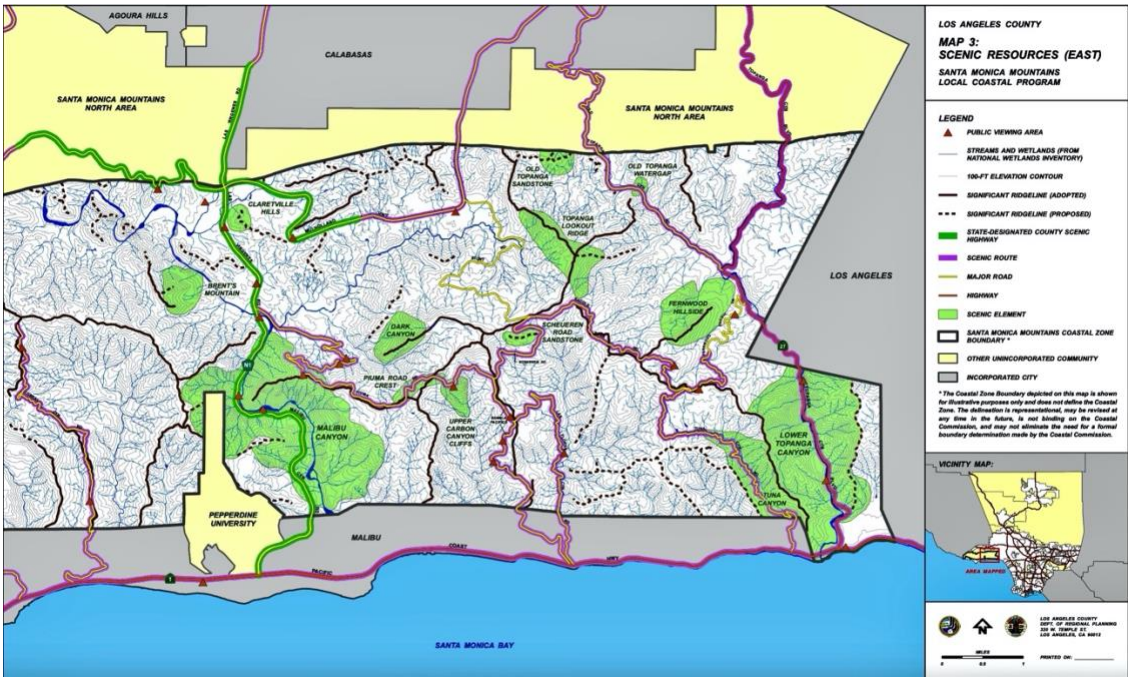
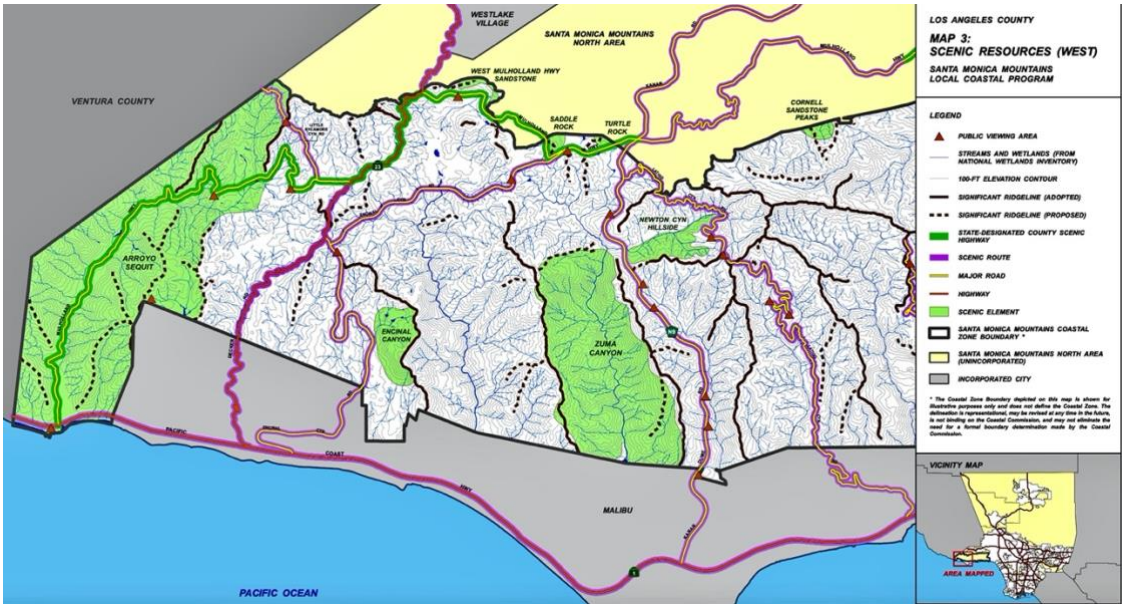
Preserving Wildlife Corridors that allow and link wildlife passage from the sea, throughout the mountains, and the COG cities (and hopefully soon over the 101 freeway via the Liberty Canyon Wildlife bridge) has always been a shared priority of the SMMNRA park agencies & stakeholders.



Clearly it is one cohesive/connected wildlife movement area.

People Corridors -Transportation. There are three main north-south arterials connecting residents from the sea through the mountains inland which are Kanan-Dume, Las Virgenes-Malibu Canyon, and Topanga Canyon. The principal east west arterials are Pacific Coast Highway, Mulholland Highway, and the 101 Freeway.

As per the scenic resource map below, residents also daily utilize a distinct web of interconnected scenic canyon routes like Piuma, Latigo Canyon, Cold Canyon, Corral Canyon, Las Flores, Decker, Encinal, Mulholland, etc., to access their neighborhoods, and likewise visitors do to recreate.



Fighting for and implementing synced land-use policies that protect wildlife and preserve habitat remain the focal point of shared community efforts in the SMMNRA unique to this turf. For example, light and noise greatly impact wildlife, so *dark sky ordinances* and *noise regulations* have been instituted. Full enclosures are required for animal keeping to protect mountain lions because this is their turf and they cannot differentiate between prey. Permeable fencing is required to allow safe wildlife passage, and barbed and razor wire are prohibited as a use. Tree protection policies are also stricter and more encompassing to protect viewsheds and biological resources in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

The communities work collaboratively with the park agencies on education and matters of mutual benefit to residents and wildlife sustainability.

Shared Economic Interests - Outdoor Recreation Area

It is currently estimated the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area hosts between 15-20 million visitors per year to our mountains and beaches. That fuels an economic engine of approximately 675M to 900M annually. The communities and cities are all tied together economically in this **visitor serving region**.

Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ)

Unified/Coordinated Wildfire Fighting Resources, Evacuation, and Emergency Preparedness. The Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains and the COG cities are all designated as a VHFHSZ served by one Fire Agency -- The Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD) and by County AG for brush clearance requirements on vacant parcels throughout the COI.

We have a coordinated fire preparedness policy, emergency response, and evacuation plans that are unique to us.

We also have specific to us fire-fighting resources like 69 Bravo -- a special tool in L.A. County Fire's tool chest for fighting "wildfire here in the National Recreation Area." It's a helistop located on a mountain-top that is used for water dropping helicopters with 10,000 gallons of water on site. 69 Bravo allows helicopters to pick up water, drop water, re-fill, and quickly get back to the blaze because time is of essence when battling wildfire in our wild, inaccessible steep terrain, mountains and isolated canyons.

Community protection strategies like home hardening, ignition point mitigation, and defensible space are all part of this integrated planning.

Wildfire is our shared number one public safety threat. Wind driven fires courtesy of Santa Ana winds like Woolsey in 2018 wreak devastating harm onto our neighborhoods, wildlife, and habitat. Post Woolsey the Third District Supervisor initiated a TASK Force comprised of COG City and Unincorporated community representatives and hired Consultants to prepare a *Post Woolsey Wildfire Report*. It recommended and outlined a comprehensive, cohesive, and cooperative plan to protect residents and battle wildfire in the Santa Monica Mountains -- acknowledging the strong integrated partnership between the communities, L.A. County Fire, and the Lost Hills Sheriff Dept.

Law Enforcement

We share two law enforcement agencies -- the Lost Hills Sheriff Department based in Calabasas and the CHP based in the West Valley. All of the COG cities contract with the Sheriff's Dept. and Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains are served by the same. The CHP patrols certain roadways like Topanga Canyon Blvd., Old Topanga, and Mulholland Hwy. Frequently however it is the Sheriff that does too. Citizens have worked for decades with our law enforcement partners re: emergency evacuations and repopulation of neighborhoods due to wildfire, and to mitigate reckless and speeding motorcycles/cars on our scenic and arterial routes.

Enforcement is no easy feat in the Santa Monica Mountains -- the Sheriff knows the turf particularly well -- it is unique because of the topography and remoteness of communities, but also because there are millions of annual visitors. Rescues for example are commonplace here in the coastal mountain areas due to hiking injuries, over exertion, falls, etc.

Another unique aspect of law enforcement that we share in the National Recreation Area is Park Rangers -- we have State Park Rangers, National Park Service Rangers, and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy/MRCA Rangers that patrol and protect people and parkland.

Water Districts

There are two water districts that have always served this COI -- the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) and Los Angeles County Waterworks District 29.

School Districts

The award-winning Las Virgenes Unified School District is the largest public school district and serves the majority of this area with 8 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, and 2 high schools -- and several specialty schools.

Secondarily, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, serves Malibu but that has been fraught with conflict for years. Malibu has been attempting to sever ties and they moved one step closer last month when the Los Angeles County Office of Education's County Committee on School District Organization, held a preliminary hearing. Councilmember Farrer remarked that, "When it comes to common community interests, whether its places of worship, commerce, shopping, Malibu and Santa Monica [the city] don't mix." Furthermore, the two are not connected geographically -- they are separated by Pacific Palisades which is part of the City of Los Angeles.

There are also several private schools, like Viewpoint in Calabasas, and Manzanita in Topanga, that serve students from the COG cities and Unincorporated areas.

No Boundary Zip Codes

As yet another example of the seamlessness of this COI, zip codes and mailing addresses are not separated by jurisdictional boundaries. Old Topanga for example extends from Unincorporated County through the city of Calabasas, yet homeowners in Old Topanga Calabasas have the Unincorporated Topanga zip code. The Cold Creek community is split between Calabasas and

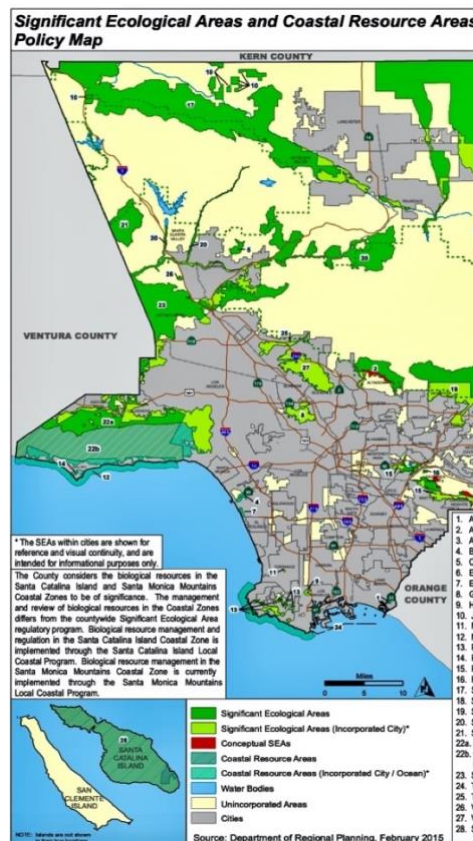
Unincorporated County -- with a Calabasas mailing address. The Unincorporated rural coastal village of Monte Nido has a Calabasas mailing address and zip code. Likewise, the Unincorporated North Area's Malibou Lake community address and zip code is Agoura Hills. Corral Canyon and other Unincorporated coastal communities closer to the city of Malibu, have a Malibu zip code and mailing address.

The **King Gillette Ranch** which is the **Interagency Visitor Center** for the entire Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is located in the Unincorporated County Coastal Zone, yet its address/zip code is Calabasas: *26800 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas, CA 91302*.

Clearly, this is one cohesive, longstanding COI that cannot be fragmented and must remain intact in the same single supervisorial district. The COG cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Westlake Village and Unincorporated County form a cohesive, compact, contiguous special Santa Monica Mountains community of interest where residents, communities, and natural resource protection benefit from being maintained together in a single District.

The SMMNRA was established by Congress in 1978 to protect the scenic natural and cultural resources of the coastal Mediterranean ecosystem and to preserve public health benefits offered by the natural setting as the largest urban park in the nation. As excerpted from the National Park Service SMMNRA website, "We jointly protect this area with numerous other state and local agencies and even private homeowners!"

L.A. County has further designated the majority of this COI as an SEA -- Significant Ecological Area -- containing some of the County's most precious biological resources (see the SMMNRA highlighted in various greens below).



The communities and residents are part of the very fabric of these mountain coastal areas along with all the wild things that call it home and cannot be separated, or cut out.

We respectfully ask the Commission to keep us together as one unique Community of Interest in a single Supervisorial District.

Also -- we strongly advocate that our *Westhills Unincorporated Community* remain with the COI as it is now. It is a part of the SEA, and contiguous to the Upper Las Virgenes Open Space Preserve which is contiguous to the North Area and Calabasas and therefore a natural and important part of the Santa Monica Mountains COI.

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Districts

Encompassed in the Third District as we currently are, has been very beneficial for our Santa Monica Mountains COI and we would ideally prefer the boundaries of the Third to remain relatively the same.

Continuing to incorporate the COI in a District with other Santa Monica Mountain communities along the coast that are adjacent like Pacific Palisades and inland by simply following the Santa Monica Mountains eastward as the Third District currently does/encompasses makes sense since we share many of the same issues -- including *wildfire connectivity* -- and communities are nestled in canyons, on hillsides, and share the same natural environment and mountainous or mountain/coastal landscape. When a wildfire starts in the Brentwood portion of the mountains as it previously has for example, concerns are always that it will burn westward toward the sea, along and through the mountains to Pacific Palisades, and into Topanga and thus the SMMNRA. When a fire started this spring in the SMMNRA in Topanga State Park, it burned through to the Palisades.

These Santa Monica Mountains communities are also part of the WUI -- Wildland Urban Interface -- and many have also likewise been long time advocates of fighting for protective resource policies for wildlife and connectivity. They are also interspersed with open space protected parkland.

So, to reiterate we would like our COI to remain in a similarly drawn Third District.

Sincerely,
Kim Lamorie
President
Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, Inc., of the Santa Monica Mountains.

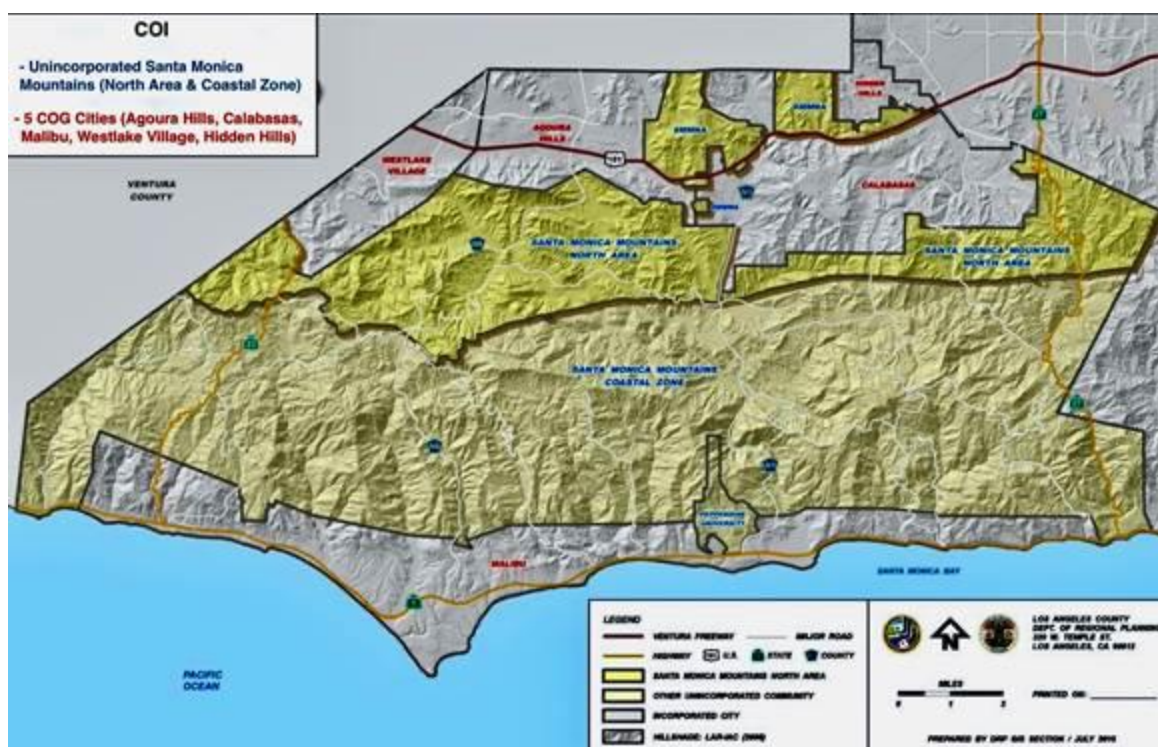
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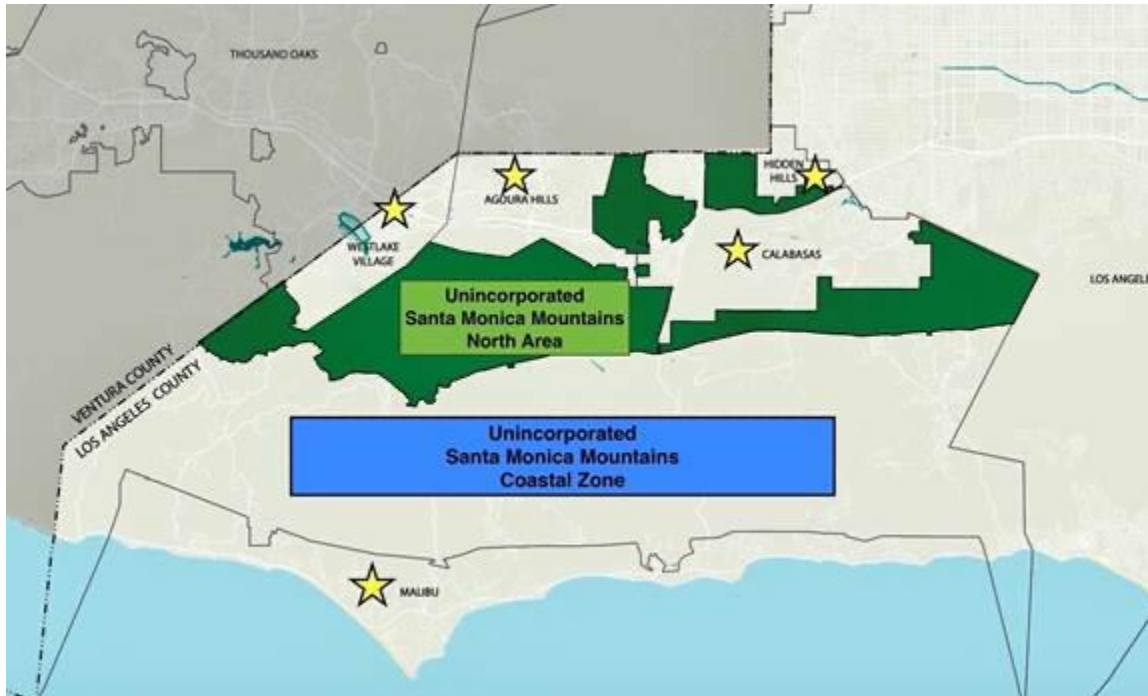
Honorable Commissioners:

I am a resident of Westhills and our community is embedded in the Santa Monica Mountains + COG Cities COMMUNITY OF INTEREST (COI) as per the map below. We respectfully request that you keep our entire COI together.

It is one cohesive, longstanding COI that cannot be fragmented and must remain intact in the same single supervisorial district. Unincorporated County and the COG cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Westlake Village form a cohesive, compact, contiguous special Santa Monica Mountains community of interest where residents, communities, and natural resource protection benefit from being maintained together in a single District.



The **Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains** portion of this COI is divided into 2 inseparable, land-use policy areas -- the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program (LCP) and the adjacent North Area Plan (NAP) reflected on the map below in blue and green. These two-governing land-use policy documents are administered, implemented, and enforced by the L.A. County Department of Regional Planning and are intentionally aligned. They are contiguous and adjoined to the five COG cities, forming our compact COI.



We are an inextricable part of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) which is best described by the National Park Service, "*as the largest urban national park in the country, encompassing more than 150,000 acres of mountains and coastline. ***It comprises a "seamless network" of local, state, and federal parks interwoven with private lands and communities.** As one of only five Mediterranean ecosystems in the world, it preserves the rich biological diversity of more than 450 animal species and 26 distinct plant communities.*"



Our interconnected rural villages, mountain/coastal communities all share a rich pro-preservation and conservation history; the same synced resource and wildlife protective land-use policies; and unified and coordinated wildfire firefighting resources, evacuation, and emergency preparedness, as we (the entire COI) are all located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). Wildfire is our shared number one safety issue.

Our unique National Recreation Area hosts between 15-20 million visitors per year fueling a shared visitor serving economic engine of almost a billion dollars annually.

We are all part of the very fabric of the Santa Monica Mountains with all the wild things that call it home, and we cannot be separated, or cut out.

We respectfully ask the Commission to keep us together as one unique **Community of Interest** in a single Supervisorial District.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Lancet

Acting President of the Westhills Homeowners Association

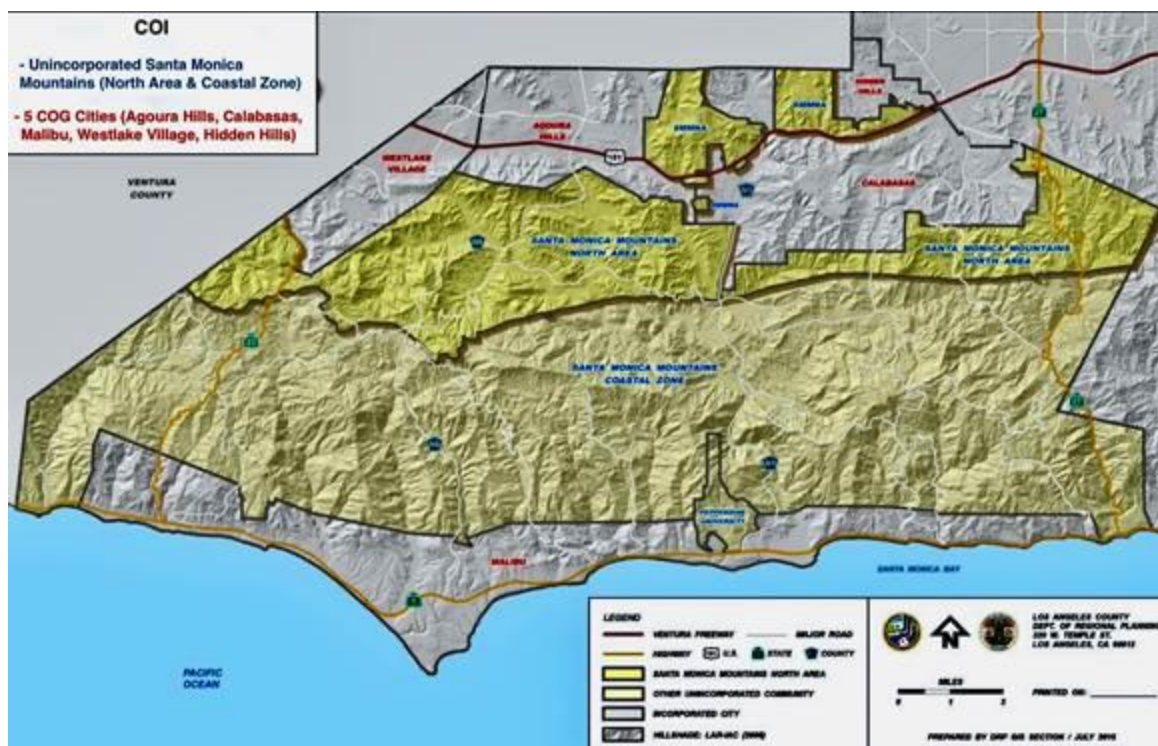
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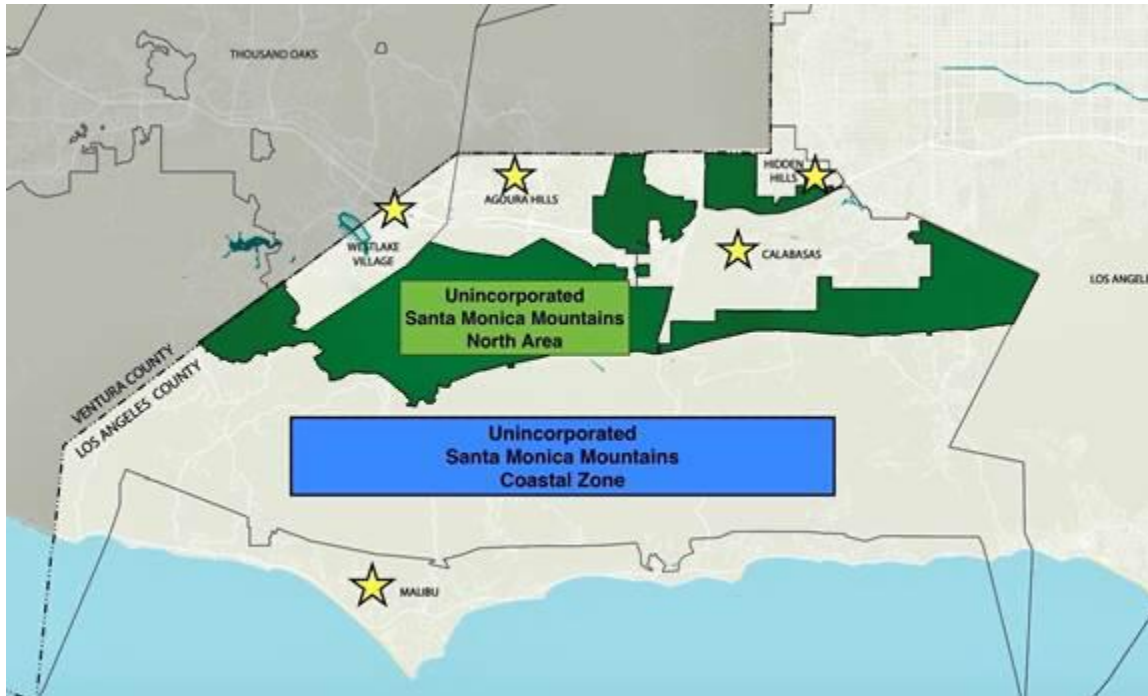
Honorable Commissioners:

I am a resident of and the President of the MountainView Estates Owners Association consisting of 385 homes and 850 acres of open space and our community is embedded in the Santa Monica Mountains + COG Cities COMMUNITY OF INTEREST (COI) as per the map below. We respectfully request that you keep our entire COI together.

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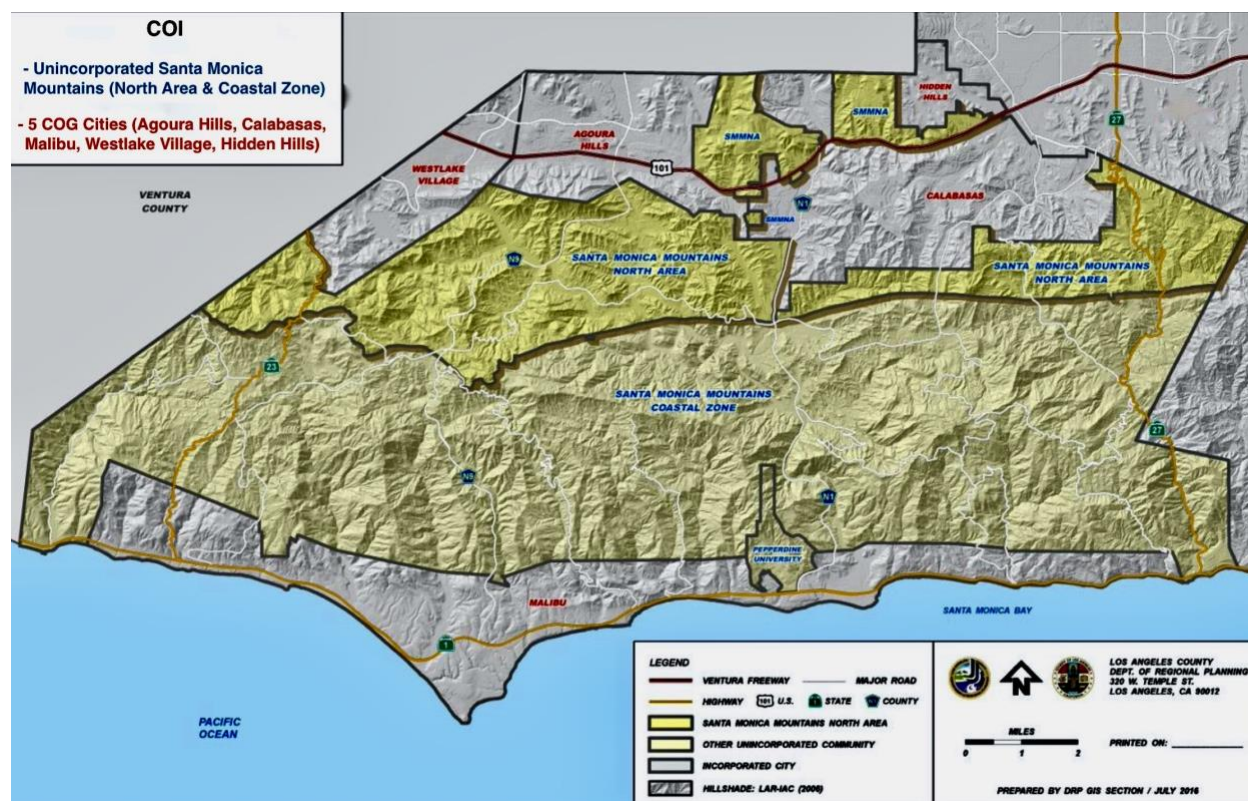
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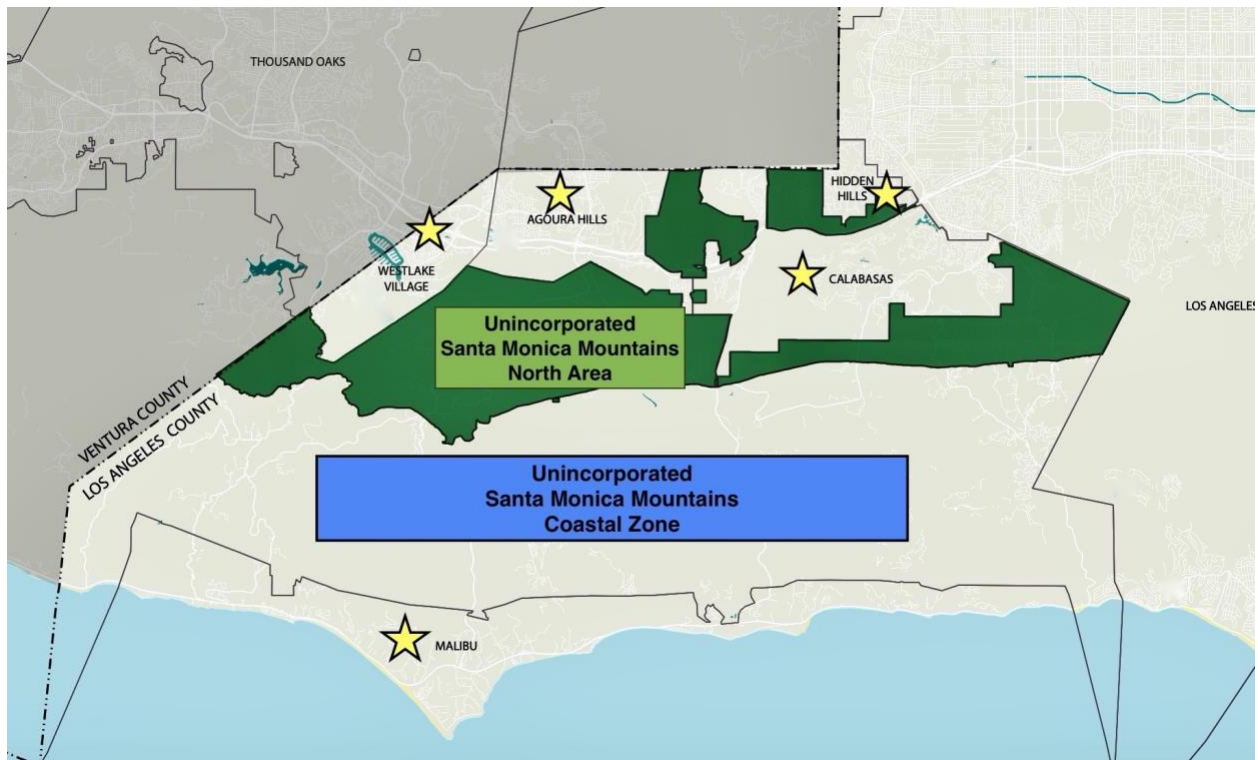
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Sincerely,

Jody H. Thomas

President, Old Topanga Homeowners

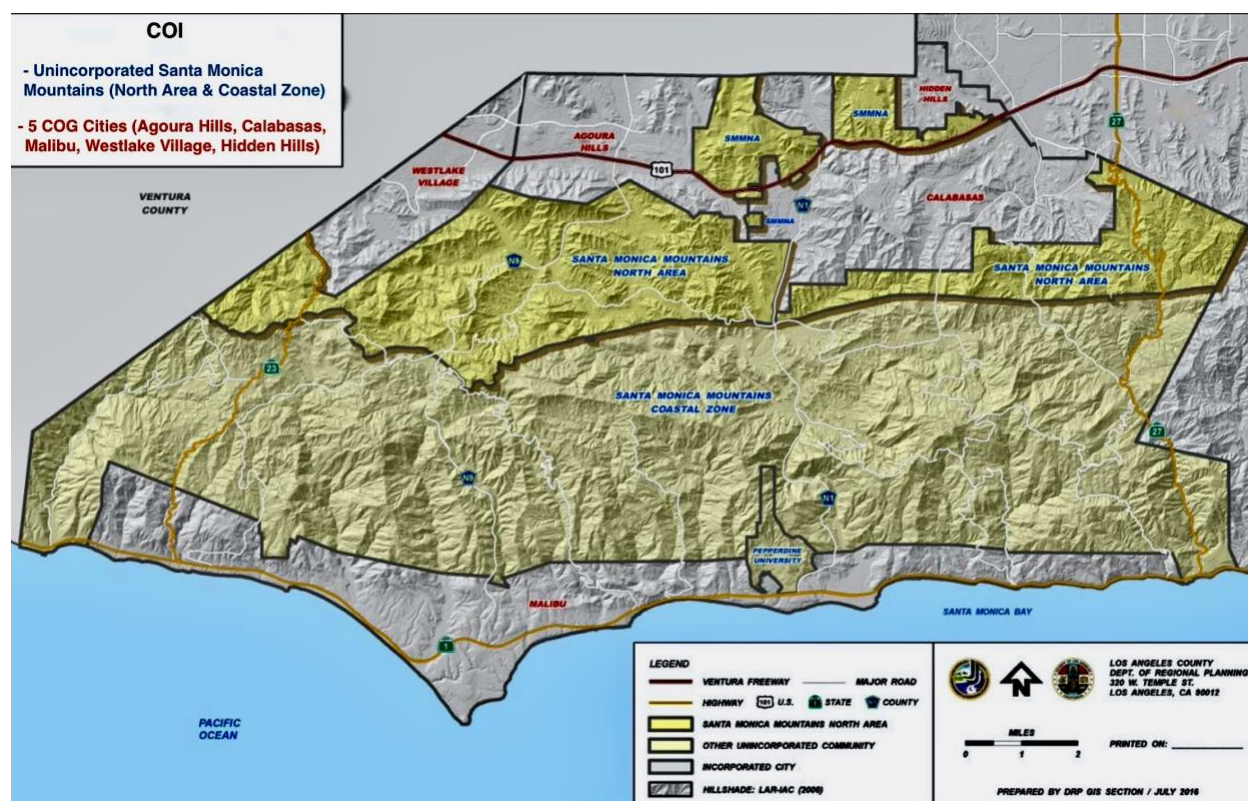
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Honorable Commissioners:

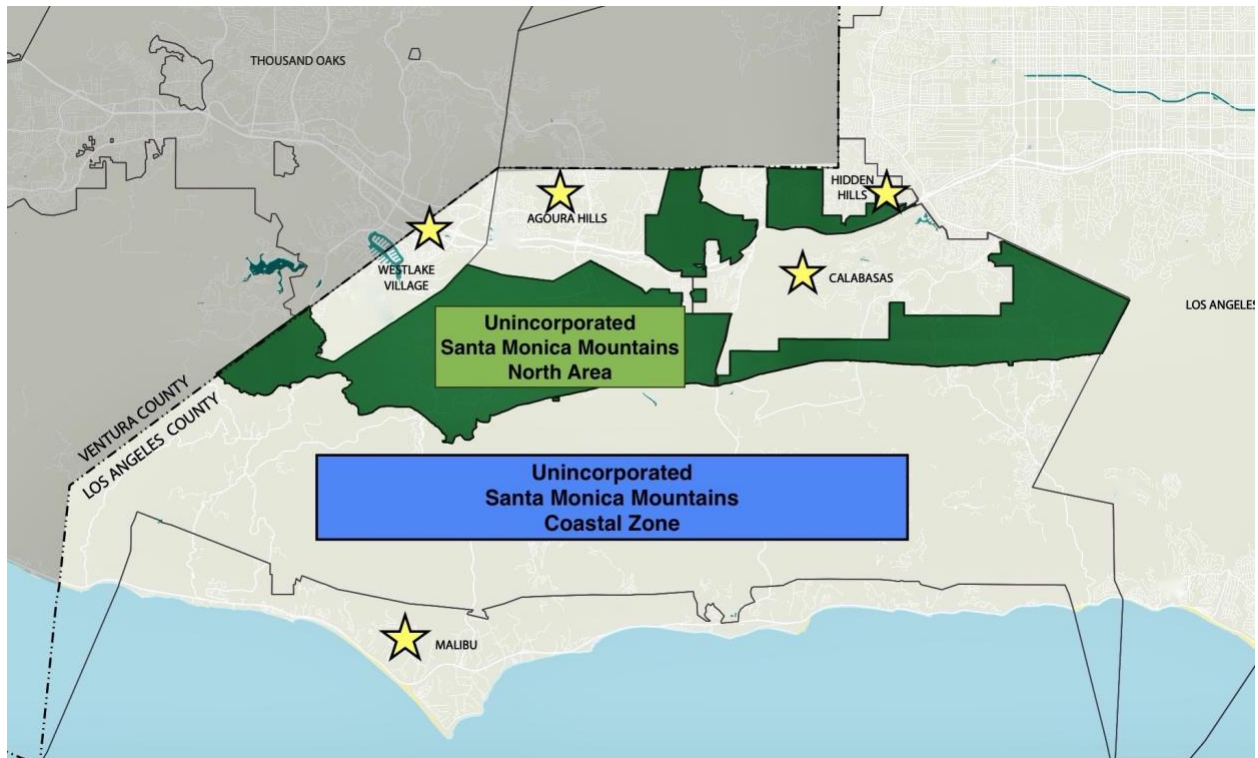
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Commissioners,

I am Shannon Ggem, a resident of the historic Malibou Lake area of incorporated LA County. We are part of a Community of Interest.

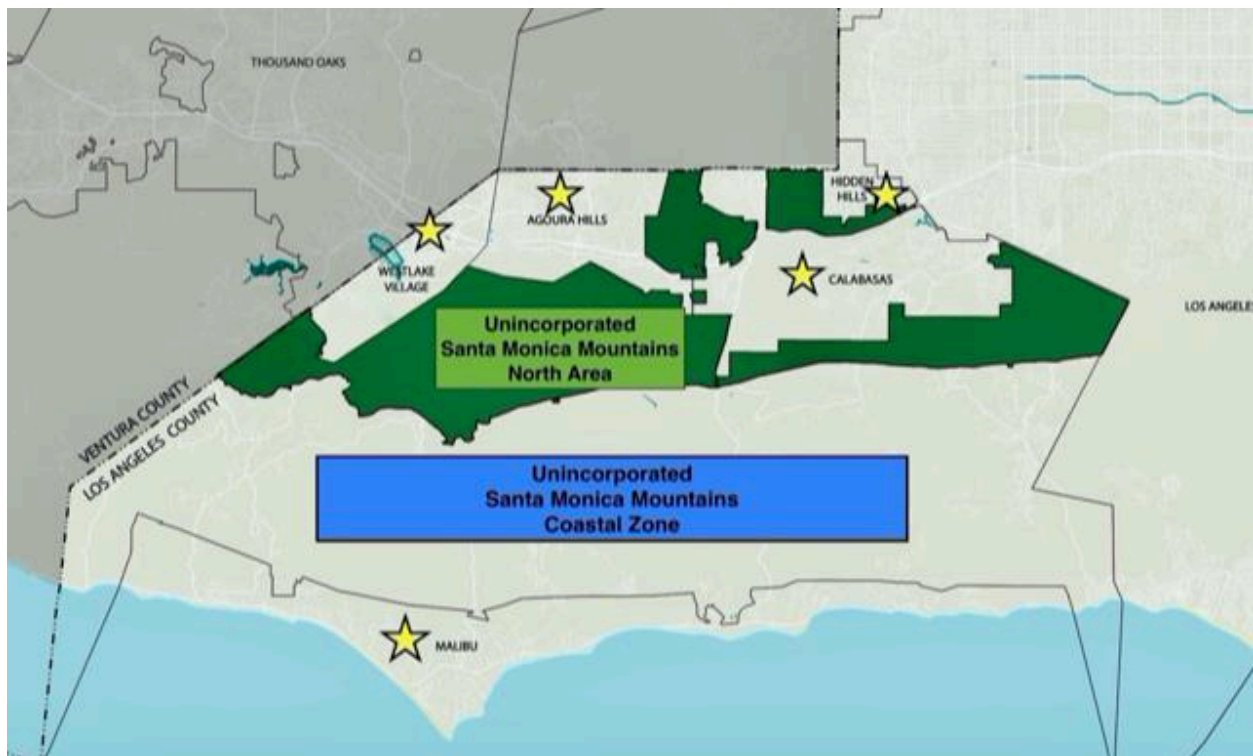
We have been working together for 53 years.

We consist of: **Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains** and the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (LVMCOG) cities of **Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu** and **Westlake Village**.

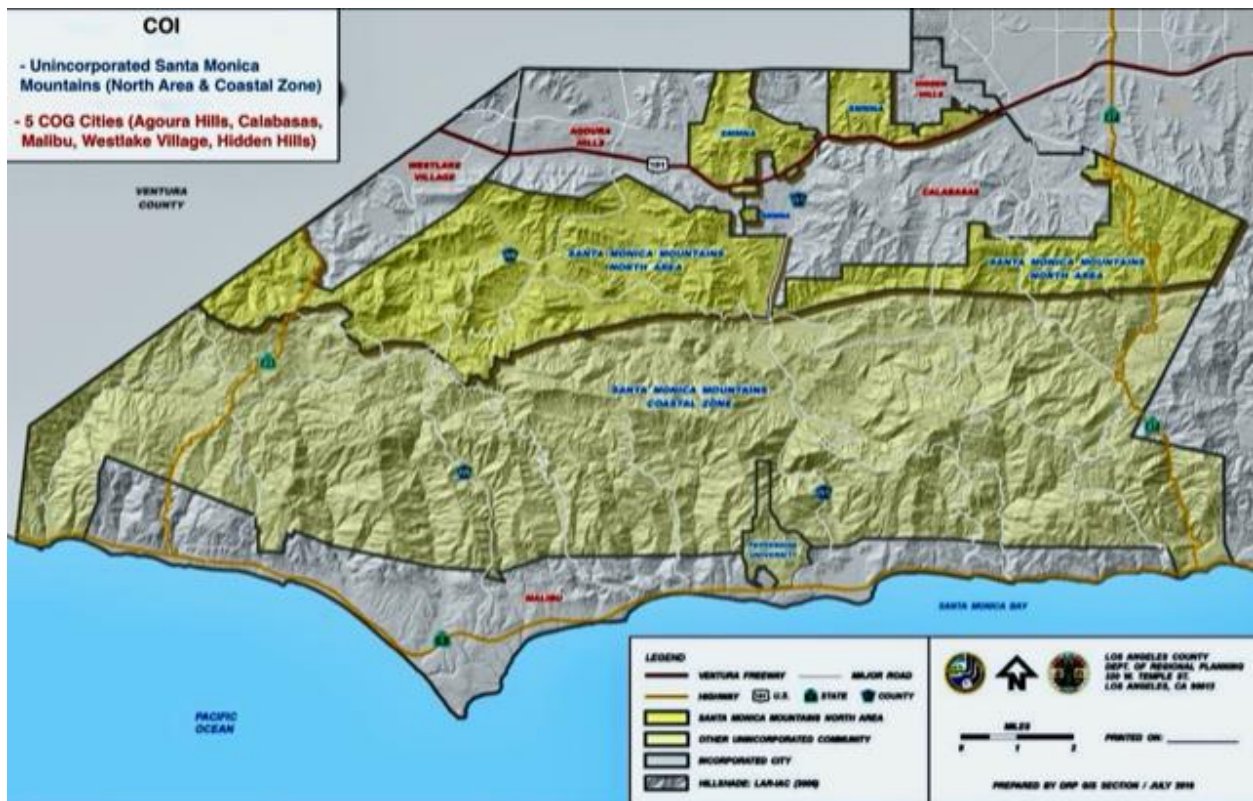
Our rural villages and unique neighbors include designated rural villages, and mountain/coastal communities like: Malibou Lake, Cornell, Topanga, Old Topanga, Calabasas Highlands, Monte Nido, Triunfo Lobo Canyon, Cold Creek, Seminole Springs, Lakeside, Corral Canyon, Sunset Mesa, Old Agoura, Big Rock, Liberty Canyon, Westhills, Sycamore Park, Saratoga Hills, Malibu Canyon, Mountainview, El Nido, Las Flores, Fernwood, etc.

We are in a Very High Fire Severity Zone, and share values with our COI on preservation and conservation. Two land use documents work together in our area, the Local Coastal Plan & the North Area Plan and it's important we be considered together.

This map shows us well



And this may help



Many of these communities are antiquated subdivisions with single ingress/egress on winding, narrow, steep trails and roadways.

We are neighbors of nature, and many of us live amongst it so we have a common outlook on that that may differ from the areas of high density.

We have tens of millions of visitors annually to our parks, sharing our roads and open spaces and we have a unique understanding of that balance as well.

We are a dark skies area and our ability to stay one is dependent on our close neighbors

We are in the WUI and our actions directly impact the wild animals and plants around us

We are on watershed very close to the beaches and deeply understand those connections and impacts

Our connectivity is shown in every way from roads, to land use policy and more simply in trails and habitat.

We need to be in a single supervisor's district to ensure that we can continue to work together, common area objectives can be met, and our community voice be best represented.

Thank you for keeping this important COI intact.

-Shannon Ggem

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Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, Inc.



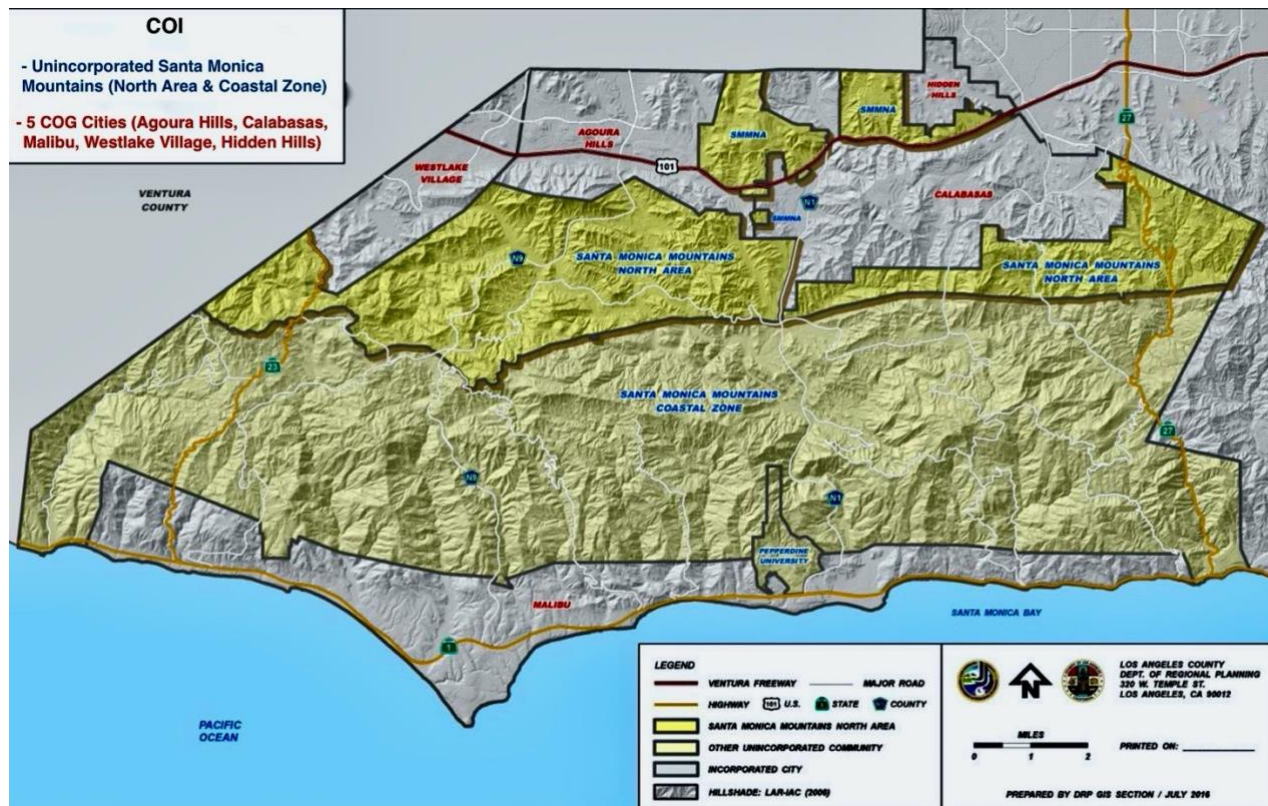
The **voice** and conscience of the Santa Monica Mountains since 1968

September 29, 2021

Honorable Commissioners:

The Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, Inc., (LVHF) is the oldest and largest umbrella organization of communities and neighborhoods in the Western Santa Monica Mountains.

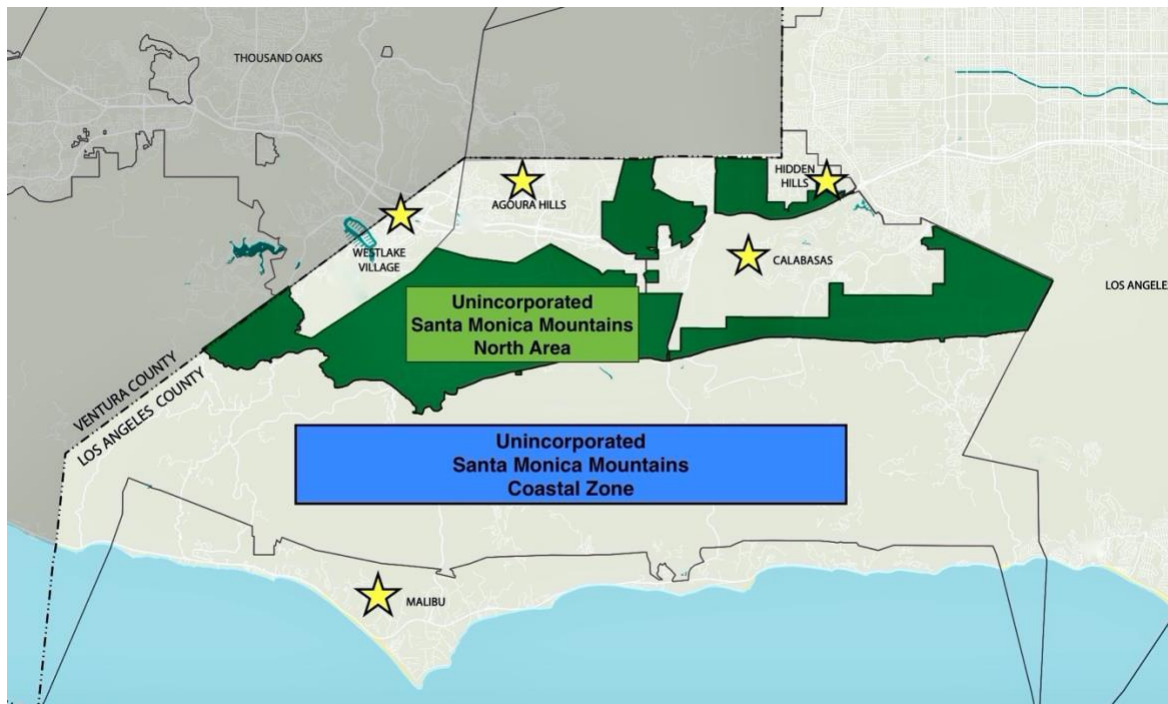
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COI = The Contiguous Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains (The North Area and the Coastal Zone) and the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Malibu, Westlake Village, Hidden Hills.

It is essential to understand that the Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains portion of this COI is divided into 2 inseparable, land-use policy areas -- the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program (LCP) that encompasses 52,000 acres and the adjacent North Area Plan (NAP) which encompasses 22,000 acres.

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Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains consists of the North Area and the Coastal Zone -- integrated and contiguous with the five COG cities.

Network of Mountain/Coastal Communities and Rural Villages

We have been representing wildland mountain/coastal communities and thousands of stakeholders united in common and shared interest in this COI for more than 53 years.

We have a shared history that unequivocally binds us -- one that is and always has been focused on preservation and conservation. The land use policies of the COG cities and Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains are **similarly** focused on resource protective policies first and environmental stewardship because stakeholders have worked **together** for decades on COG City General Plans and on the Unincorporated North Area Plan and Local Coastal Program.

Our COI contains a network of **interconnected** designated rural villages, and mountain/coastal communities like: Malibou Lake, Cornell, Topanga, Old Topanga, Calabasas Highlands, Monte Nido, Triunfo Lobo Canyon, Cold Creek, Seminole Springs, Lakeside, Corral Canyon, Sunset Mesa, Old Agoura, Big Rock, Liberty Canyon, Westhills, Sycamore Park, Saratoga Hills, Malibu Canyon, Mountainview, El Nido, Las Flores, Fernwood, etc.

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Example of rural villages (pink) crisscrossing the Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains coastal zone.

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA)

The principal park agencies that jointly operate, manage, and comprise the *Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area* are: The National Park Service, California State Parks, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority.



The Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains and COG cities either are fully enclosed in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area or they are Gateways. This map also shows how State Parks are interconnected and woven throughout our COI.

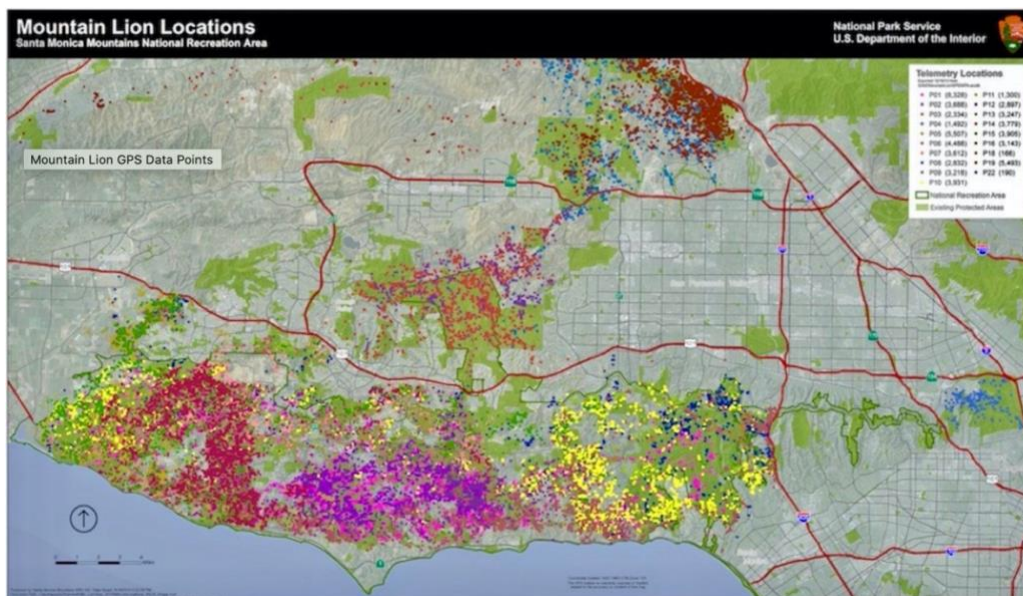


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Connectivity is Key and just as important for stakeholders/communities as it is for the wildlife -- aka mountain lions. The SMMNRA is a mosaic of parkland, open space, habitat, and **regional trails** all interconnecting in **one eco-system** that link the COG cities and Unincorporated areas.

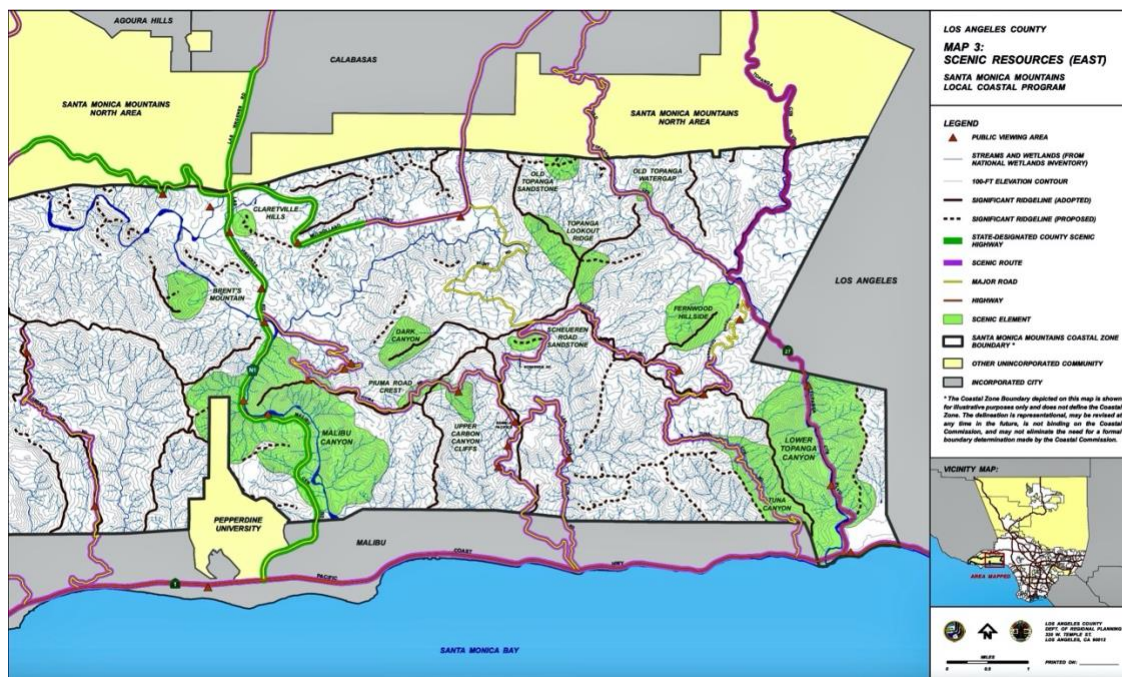
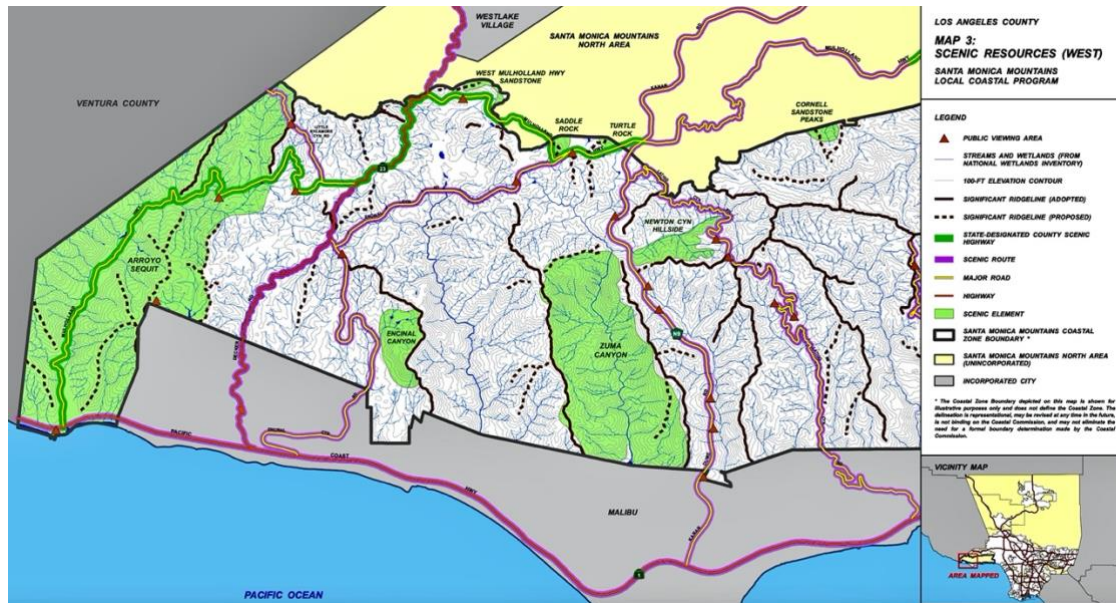
Preserving Wildlife Corridors that allow and link wildlife passage from the sea, throughout the mountains, and the COG cities (and hopefully soon over the 101 freeway via the Liberty Canyon Wildlife bridge) has always been a shared priority of the SMMNRA park agencies & stakeholders.



Clearly it is one cohesive/connected wildlife movement area.

People Corridors -Transportation. There are three main north-south arterials connecting residents from the sea through the mountains inland which are Kanan-Dume, Las Virgenes-Malibu Canyon, and Topanga Canyon. The principal east west arterials are Pacific Coast Highway, Mulholland Highway, and the 101 Freeway.

As per the scenic resource map below, residents also daily utilize a distinct web of interconnected scenic canyon routes like Puma, Latigo Canyon, Cold Canyon, Corral Canyon, Las Flores, Decker, Encinal, Mulholland, etc., to access their neighborhoods, and likewise visitors do to recreate.



Fighting for and implementing synced land-use policies that protect wildlife and preserve habitat remain the focal point of shared community efforts in the SMMNRA unique to this turf. For example, light and noise greatly impact wildlife, so *dark sky ordinances* and *noise regulations* have been instituted. Full enclosures are required for animal keeping to protect mountain lions because this is their turf and they cannot differentiate between prey. Permeable fencing is required to allow safe wildlife passage, and barbed and razor wire are prohibited as a use. Tree protection policies are also stricter and more encompassing to protect viewsheds and biological resources in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

The communities work collaboratively with the park agencies on education and matters of mutual benefit to residents and wildlife sustainability.

Shared Economic Interests - Outdoor Recreation Area

It is currently estimated the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area hosts between 15-20 million visitors per year to our mountains and beaches. That fuels an economic engine of approximately 675M to 900M annually. The communities and cities are all tied together economically in this **visitor serving region**.

Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ)

Unified/Coordinated Wildfire Fighting Resources, Evacuation, and Emergency Preparedness. The Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains and the COG cities are all designated as a VHFHSZ served by one Fire Agency -- The Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD) and by County AG for brush clearance requirements on vacant parcels throughout the COI.

We have a coordinated fire preparedness policy, emergency response, and evacuation plans that are unique to us.

We also have specific to us fire-fighting resources like 69 Bravo -- a special tool in L.A. County Fire's tool chest for fighting "wildfire here in the National Recreation Area." It's a helistop located on a mountain-top that is used for water dropping helicopters with 10,000 gallons of water on site. 69 Bravo allows helicopters to pick up water, drop water, re-fill, and quickly get back to the blaze because time is of essence when battling wildfire in our wild, inaccessible steep terrain, mountains and isolated canyons.

Community protection strategies like home hardening, ignition point mitigation, and defensible space are all part of this integrated planning.

Wildfire is our shared number one public safety threat. Wind driven fires courtesy of Santa Ana winds like Woolsey in 2018 wreak devastating harm onto our neighborhoods, wildlife, and habitat. Post Woolsey the Third District Supervisor initiated a TASK Force comprised of COG City and Unincorporated community representatives and hired Consultants to prepare a *Post Woolsey Wildfire Report*. It recommended and outlined a comprehensive, cohesive, and cooperative plan to protect residents and battle wildfire in the Santa Monica Mountains -- acknowledging the strong integrated partnership between the communities, L.A. County Fire, and the Lost Hills Sheriff Dept.

Law Enforcement

We share two law enforcement agencies -- the Lost Hills Sheriff Department based in Calabasas and the CHP based in the West Valley. All of the COG cities contract with the Sheriff's Dept. and Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains are served by the same. The CHP patrols certain roadways like Topanga Canyon Blvd., Old Topanga, and Mulholland Hwy. Frequently however it is the Sheriff that does too. Citizens have worked for decades with our law enforcement partners re: emergency evacuations and repopulation of neighborhoods due to wildfire, and to mitigate reckless and speeding motorcycles/cars on our scenic and arterial routes.

Enforcement is no easy feat in the Santa Monica Mountains -- the Sheriff knows the turf particularly well -- it is unique because of the topography and remoteness of communities, but also because there are millions of annual visitors. Rescues for example are commonplace here in the coastal mountain areas due to hiking injuries, over exertion, falls, etc.

Another unique aspect of law enforcement that we share in the National Recreation Area is Park Rangers -- we have State Park Rangers, National Park Service Rangers, and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy/MRCA Rangers that patrol and protect people and parkland.

Water Districts

There are two water districts that have always served this COI -- the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) and Los Angeles County Waterworks District 29.

School Districts

The award-winning Las Virgenes Unified School District is the largest public school district and serves the majority of this area with 8 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, and 2 high schools -- and several specialty schools.

Secondarily, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, serves Malibu but that has been fraught with conflict for years. Malibu has been attempting to sever ties and they moved one step closer last month when the Los Angeles County Office of Education's County Committee on School District Organization, held a preliminary hearing. Councilmember Farrer remarked that, "When it comes to common community interests, whether its places of worship, commerce, shopping, Malibu and Santa Monica [the city] don't mix." Furthermore, the two are not connected geographically -- they are separated by Pacific Palisades which is part of the City of Los Angeles.

There are also several private schools, like Viewpoint in Calabasas, and Manzanita in Topanga, that serve students from the COG cities and Unincorporated areas.

No Boundary Zip Codes

As yet another example of the seamlessness of this COI, zip codes and mailing addresses are not separated by jurisdictional boundaries. Old Topanga for example extends from Unincorporated County through the city of Calabasas, yet homeowners in Old Topanga Calabasas have the Unincorporated Topanga zip code. The Cold Creek community is split between Calabasas and

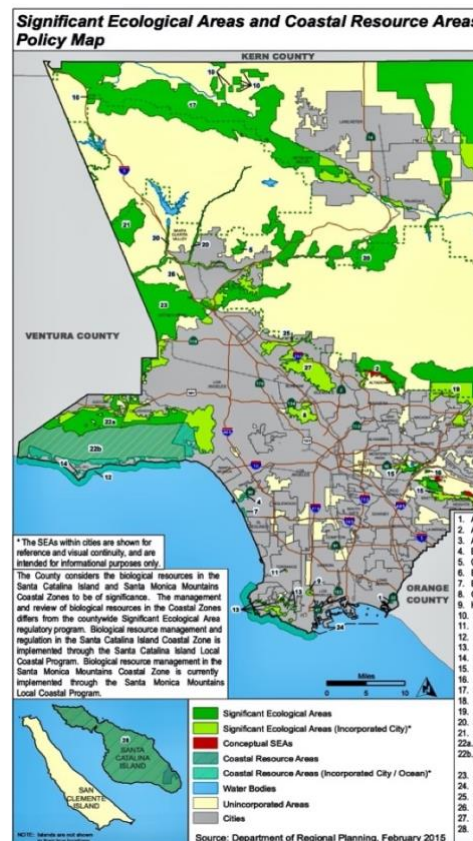
Unincorporated County -- with a Calabasas mailing address. The Unincorporated rural coastal village of Monte Nido has a Calabasas mailing address and zip code. Likewise, the Unincorporated North Area's Malibu Lake community address and zip code is Agoura Hills. Corral Canyon and other Unincorporated coastal communities closer to the city of Malibu, have a Malibu zip code and mailing address.

The **King Gillette Ranch** which is the **Interagency Visitor Center** for the entire Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is located in the Unincorporated County Coastal Zone, yet its address/zip code is Calabasas: *26800 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas, CA 91302.*

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The SMMNRA was established by Congress in 1978 to protect the scenic natural and cultural resources of the coastal Mediterranean ecosystem and to preserve public health benefits offered by the natural setting as the largest urban park in the nation. As excerpted from the National Park Service SMMNRA website, "We jointly protect this area with numerous other state and local agencies and even private homeowners!"

L.A. County has further designated the majority of this COI as an SEA -- Significant Ecological Area -- containing some of the County's most precious biological resources (see the SMMNRA highlighted in various greens below).



The communities and residents are part of the very fabric of these mountain coastal areas along with all the wild things that call it home and cannot be separated, or cut out.

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Also -- we strongly advocate that our *Westhills Unincorporated Community* remain with the COI as it is now. It is a part of the SEA, and contiguous to the Upper Las Virgenes Open Space Preserve which is contiguous to the North Area and Calabasas and therefore a natural and important part of the Santa Monica Mountains COI.

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Districts

Encompassed in the Third District as we currently are, has been very beneficial for our Santa Monica Mountains COI and we would ideally prefer the boundaries of the Third to remain relatively the same.

Continuing to incorporate the COI in a District with other Santa Monica Mountain communities along the coast that are adjacent like Pacific Palisades and inland by simply following the Santa Monica Mountains eastward as the Third District currently does/encompasses makes sense since we share many of the same issues -- including *wildfire connectivity* -- and communities are nestled in canyons, on hillsides, and share the same natural environment and mountainous or mountain/coastal landscape. When a wildfire starts in the Brentwood portion of the mountains as it previously has for example, concerns are always that it will burn westward toward the sea, along and through the mountains to Pacific Palisades, and into Topanga and thus the SMMNRA. When a fire started this spring in the SMMNRA in Topanga State Park, it burned through to the Palisades.

These Santa Monica Mountains communities are also part of the WUI -- Wildland Urban Interface -- and many have also likewise been long time advocates of fighting for protective resource policies for wildlife and connectivity. They are also interspersed with open space protected parkland.

So, to reiterate we would like our COI to remain in a similarly drawn Third District.

Sincerely,
Kim Lamorie
President
Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, Inc., of the Santa Monica Mountains.

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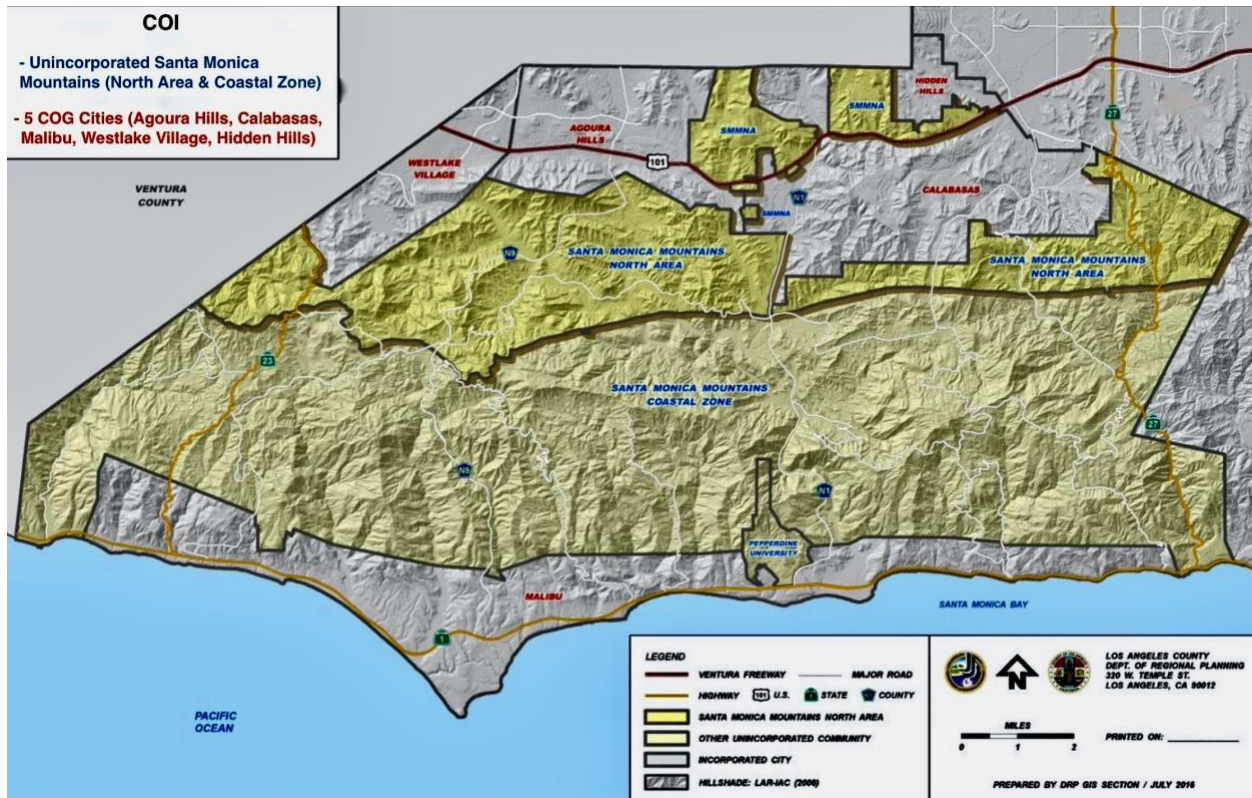
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Malibu Lakeside Community Association
Malibu Lake

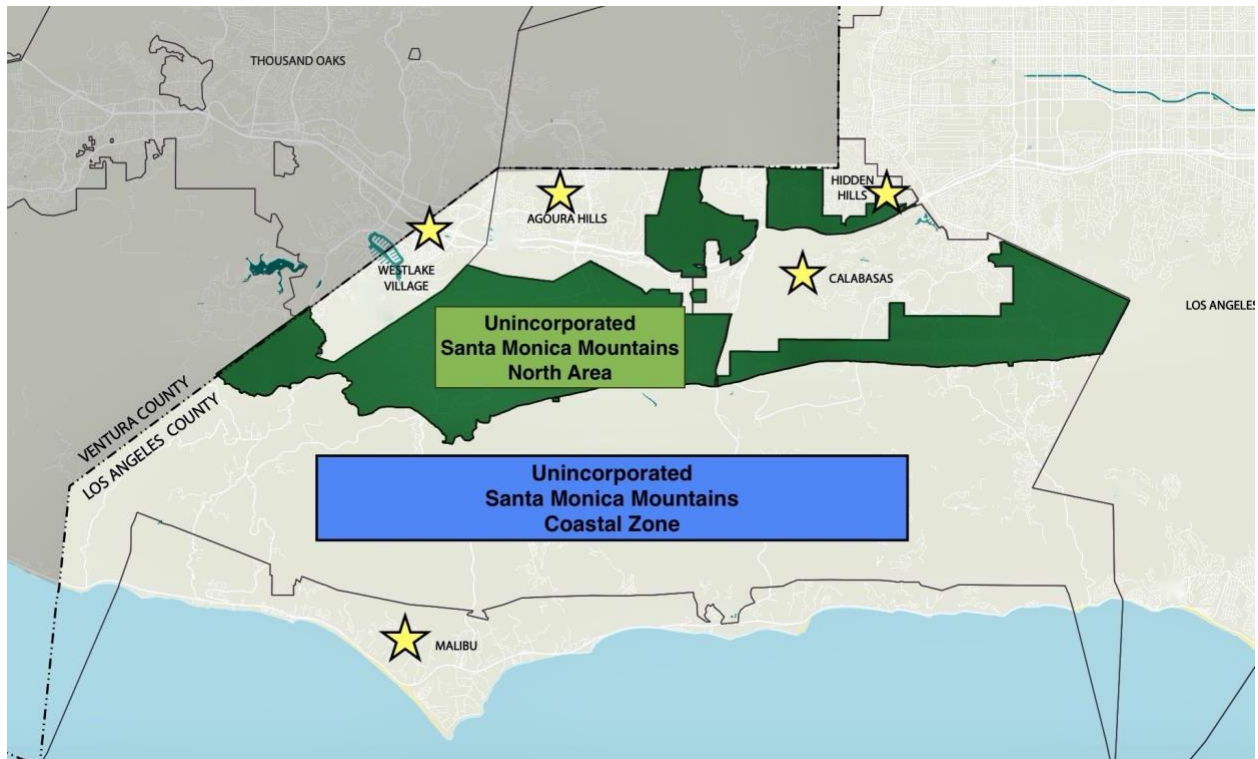
Honorable Commissioners:

I have been a resident of Malibu Lake for the past 22 years and our community is embedded in the Santa Monica Mountains + COG Cities COMMUNITY OF INTEREST (COI) as per the map below. I also work for the City of Calabasas and I meet regularly with the COG cities through the County Office of Emergency Management. I respectfully request that you keep our entire COI together.

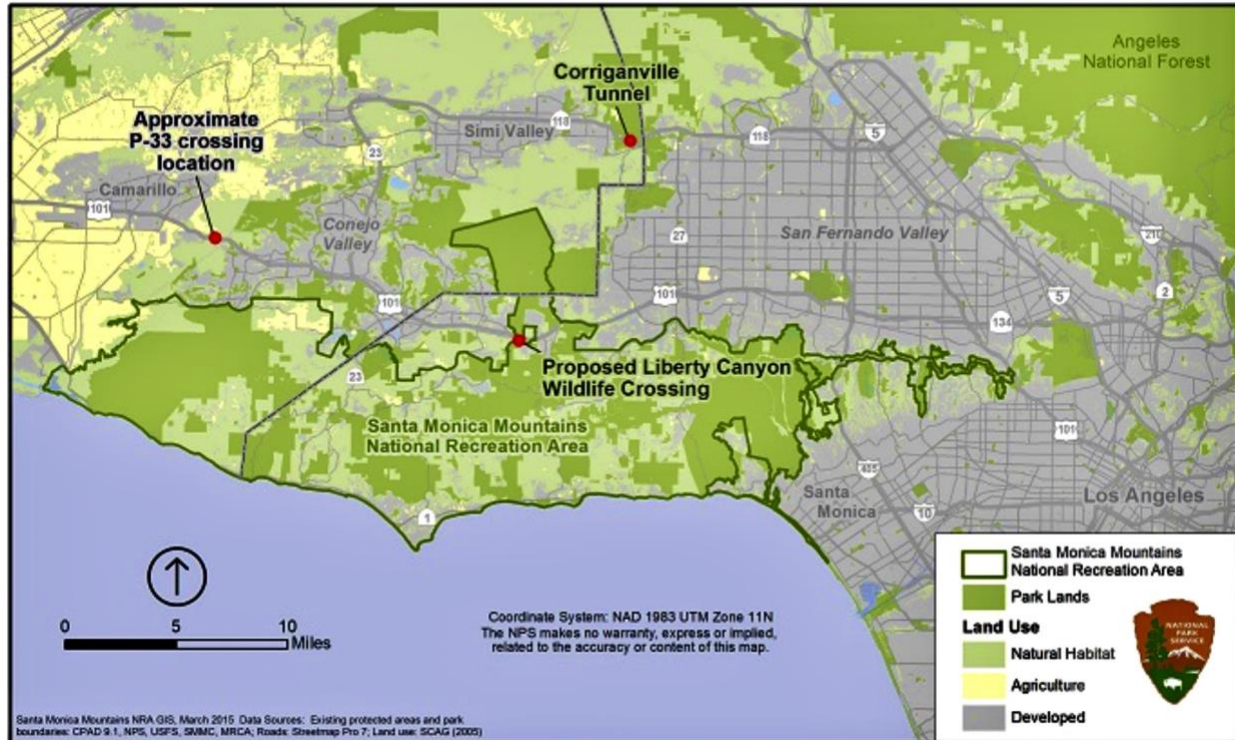
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Debbie Larson, Board Member Secretary
Malibu Lakeside Community Association

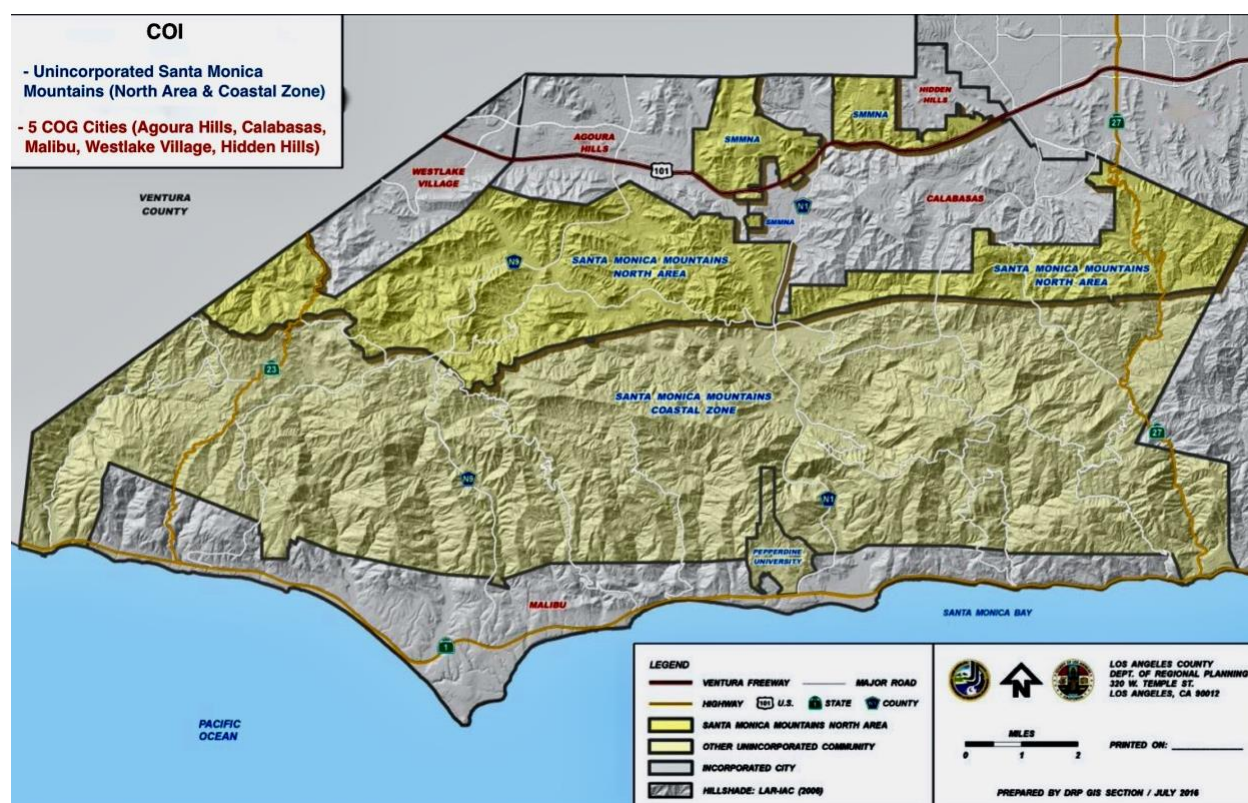
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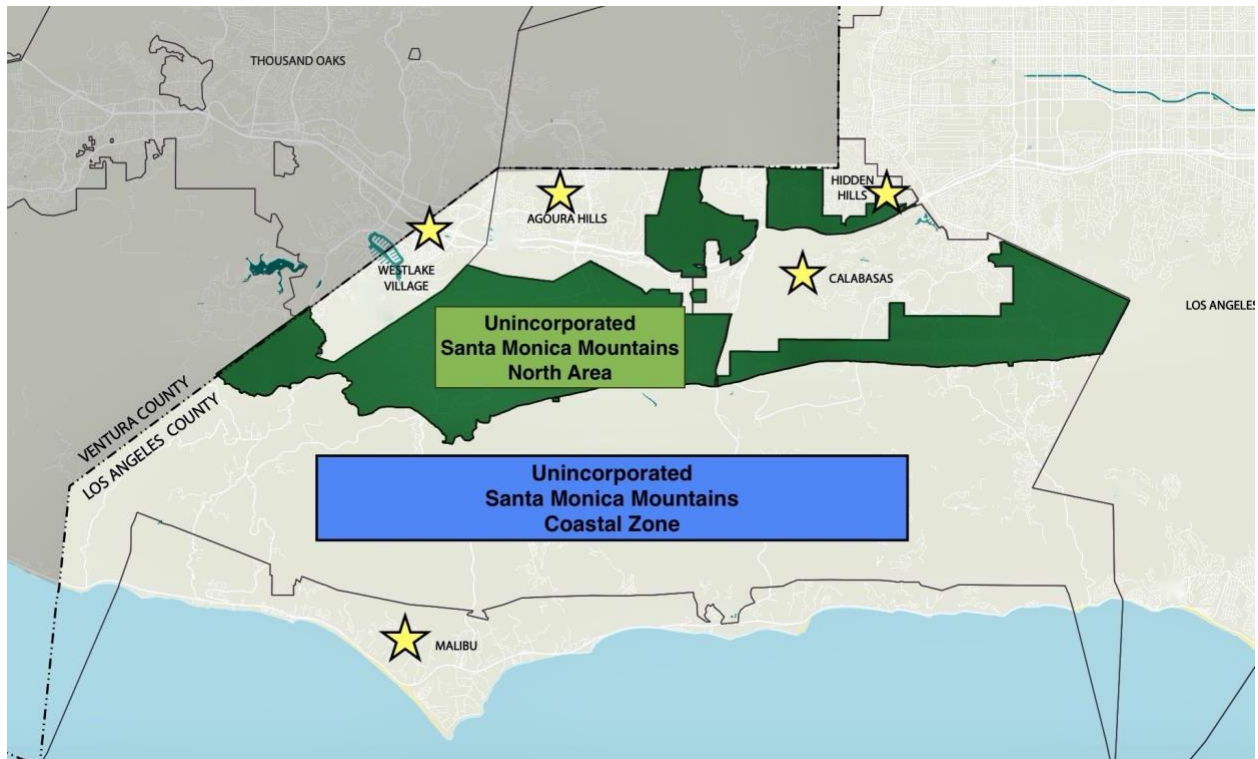
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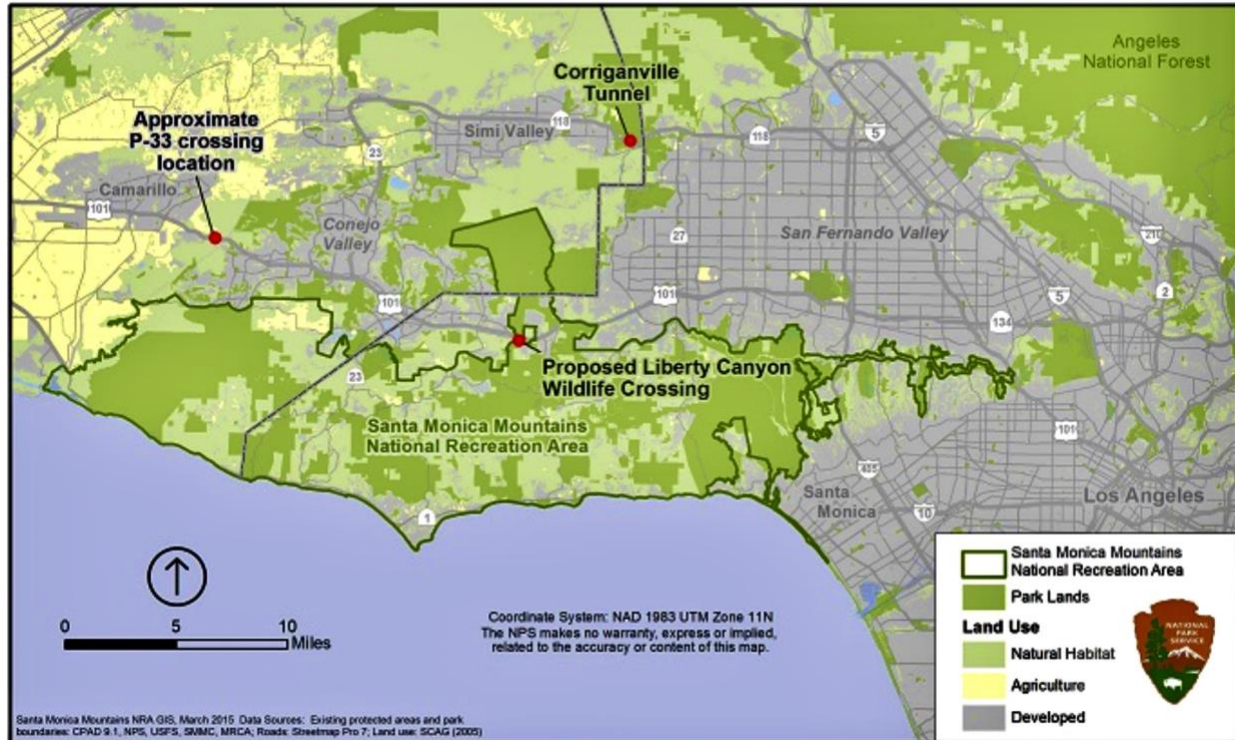
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Sincerely,

Robert J Lia
Community Association of Saratoga Hills
City of Calabasas

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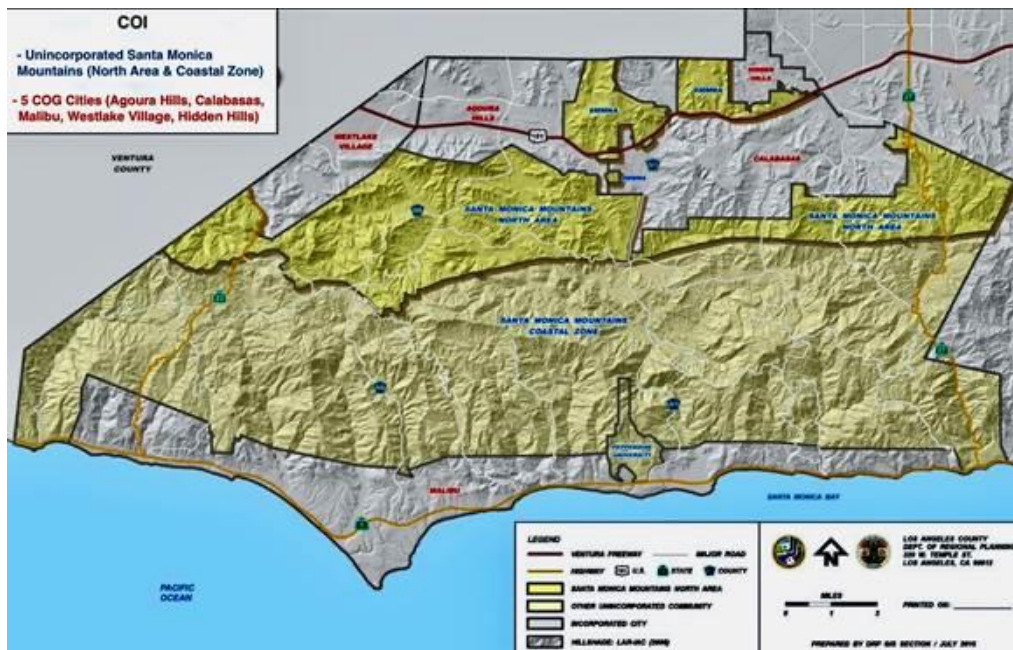
I am a resident of Westhills (Unincorporated LA County) and a long time member of the Board of Directors of our Westhills Homeowners Association.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Ruth Watson
91307 (Unincorporated LA County)



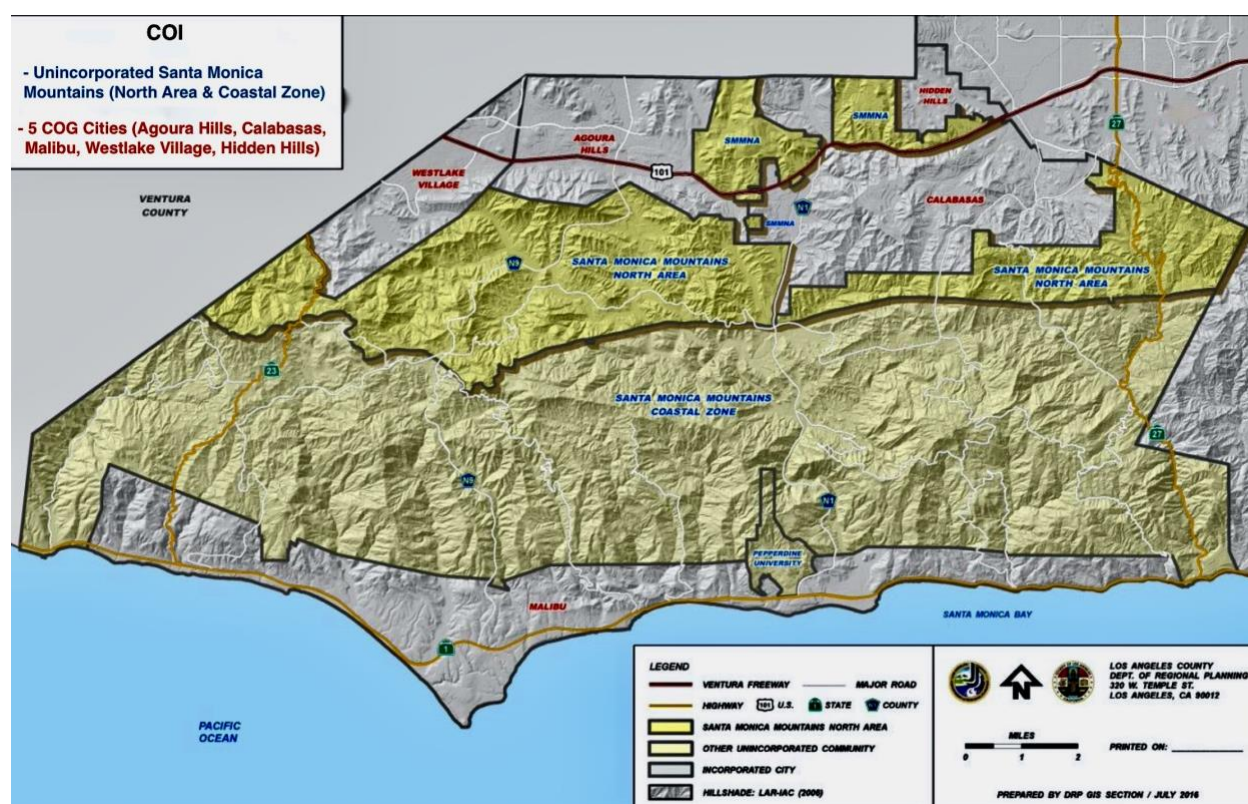
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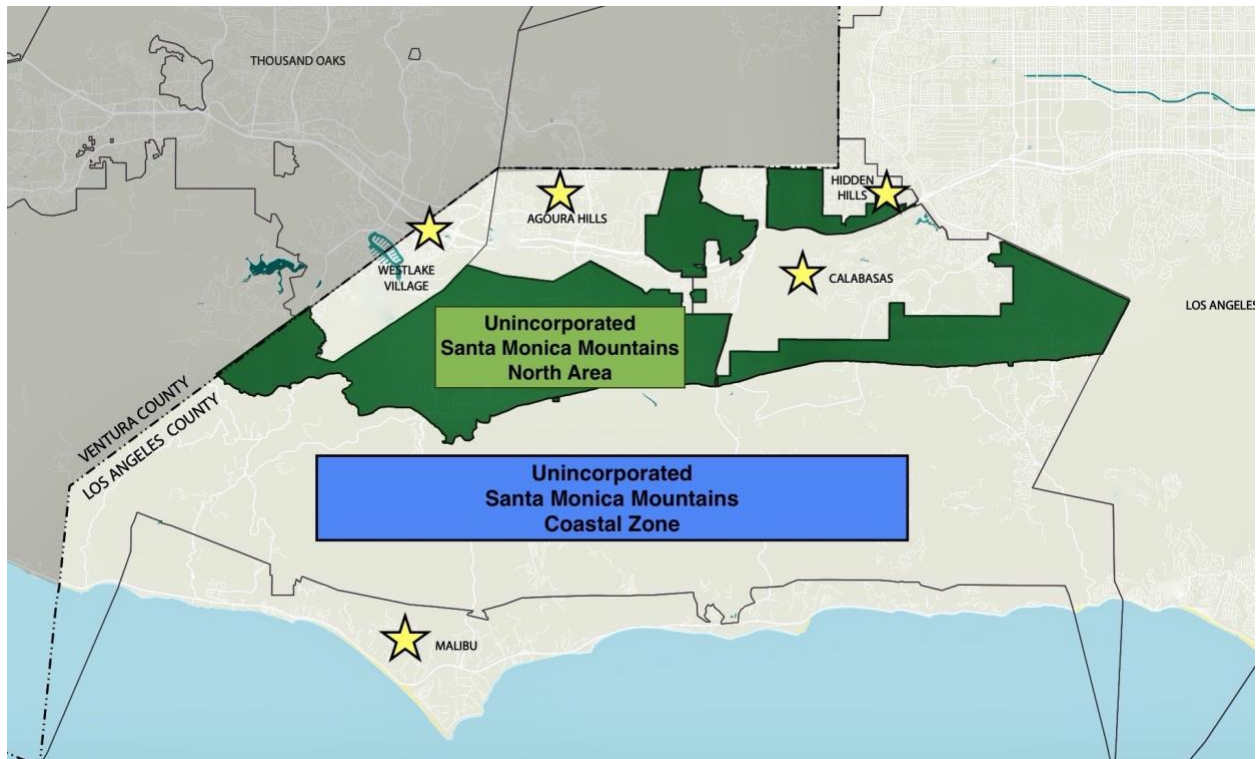
Honorable Commissioners:

I am a 45 year resident and activist in Monte Nido, a community in the unincorporated county coastal zone of the Santa Monica Mountains + COG Cities COMMUNITY OF INTEREST (COI) (see map below). I respectfully request that you keep our entire COI the seamless entity it was created as and continues to be.

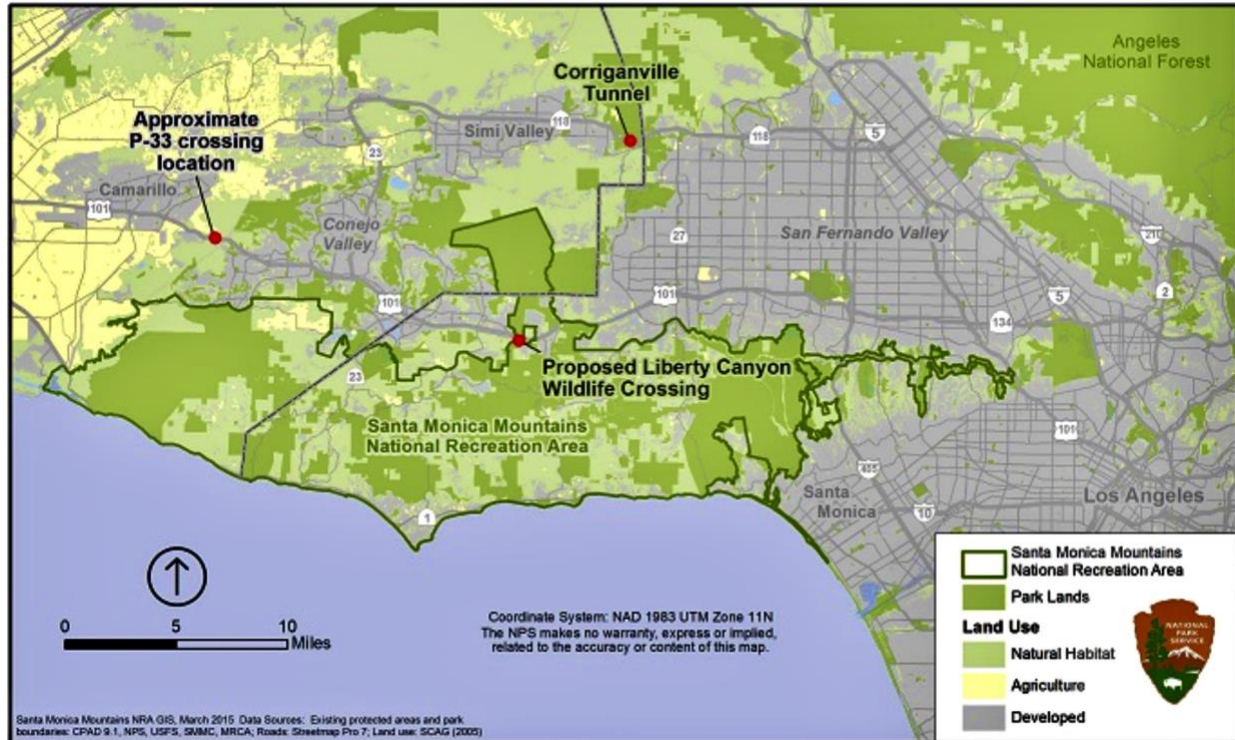
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Sincerely,
 Joan Slimocosky, President
 Monte Nido Valley Community Assn
 (addressing you today as a private citizen)

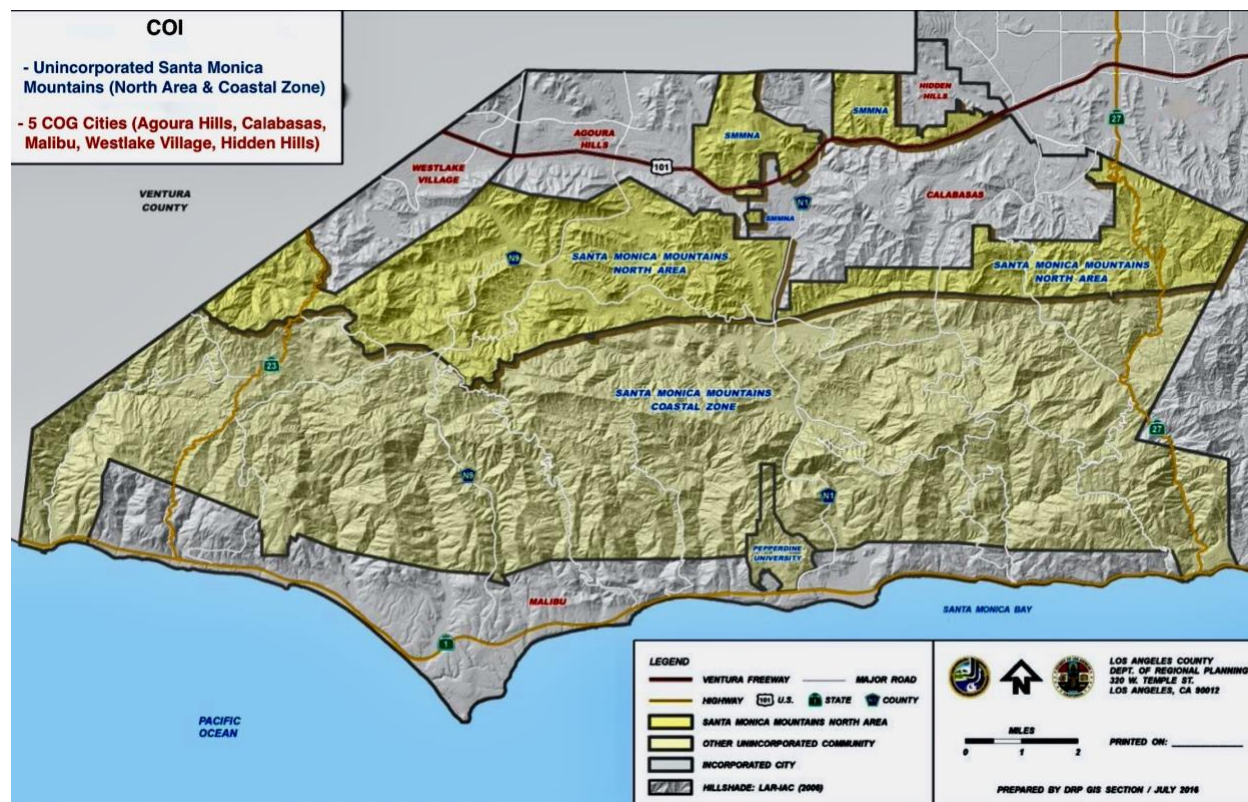
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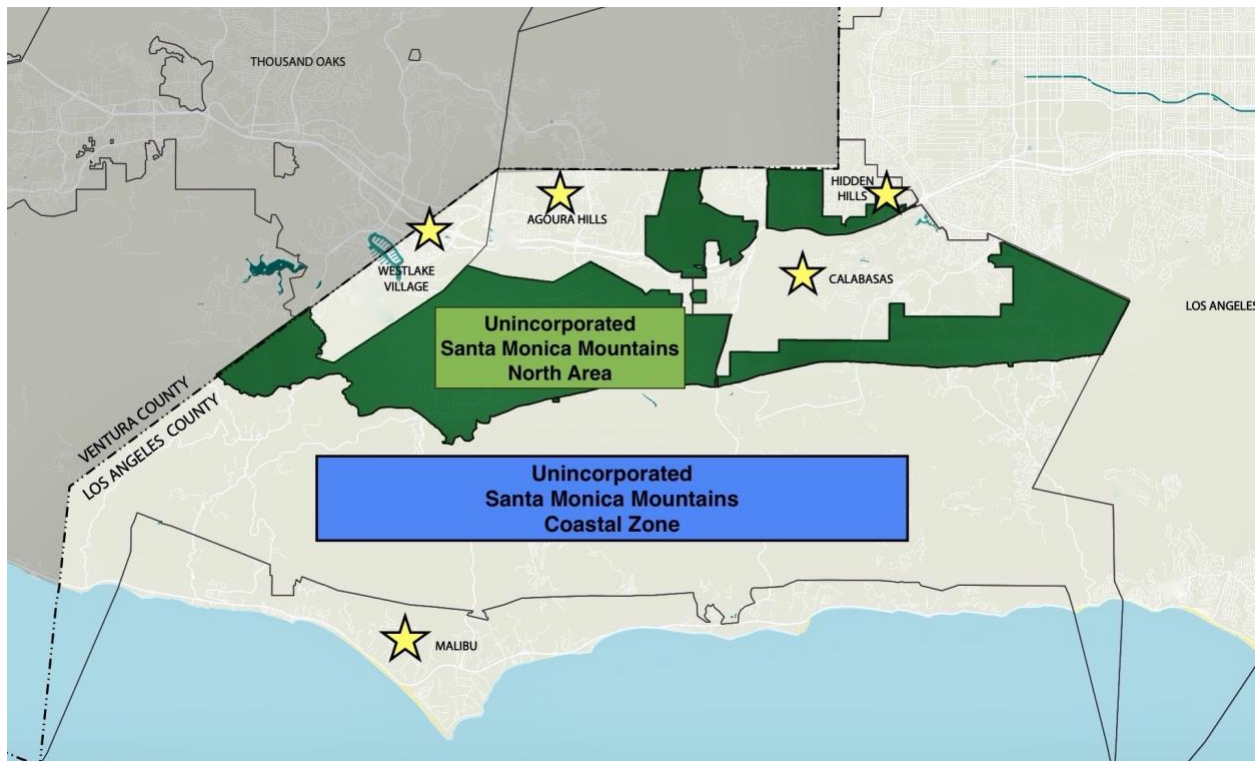
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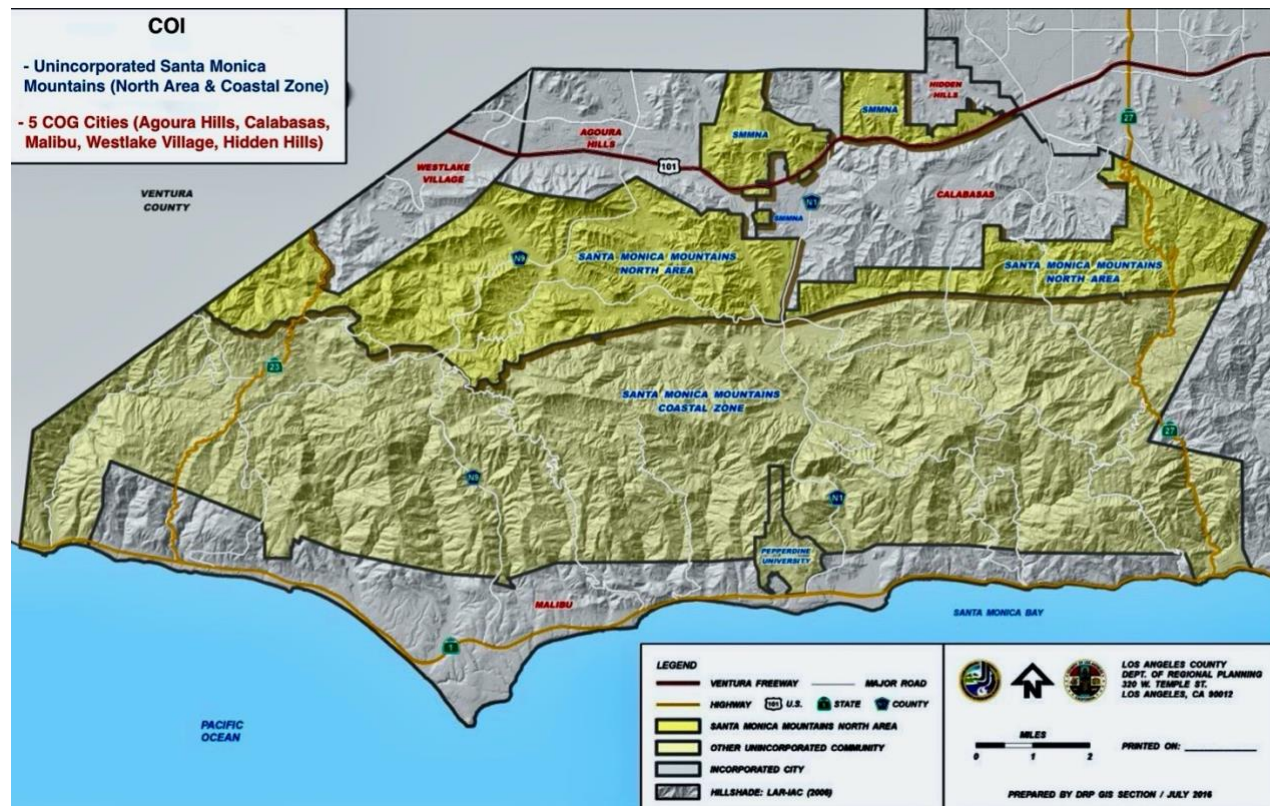
The **voice** and conscience of the Santa Monica Mountains since 1968

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Honorable Commissioners:

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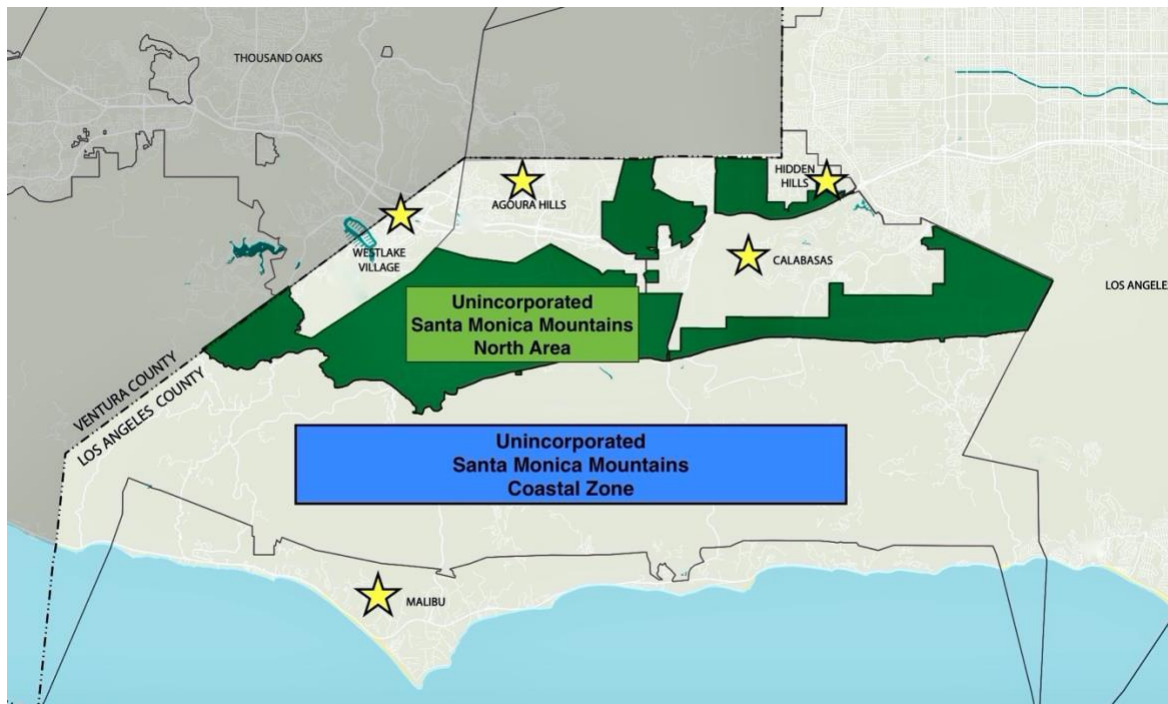
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COI = The Contiguous Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains (The North Area and the Coastal Zone) and the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Malibu, Westlake Village, Hidden Hills.

It is essential to understand that the Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains portion of this COI is divided into 2 inseparable, land-use policy areas -- the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program (LCP) that encompasses 52,000 acres and the adjacent North Area Plan (NAP) which encompasses 22,000 acres.

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Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains consists of the North Area and the Coastal Zone -- integrated and contiguous with the five COG cities.

Network of Mountain/Coastal Communities and Rural Villages

We have been representing wildland mountain/coastal communities and thousands of stakeholders united in common and shared interest in this COI for more than 53 years.

We have a shared history that unequivocally binds us -- one that is and always has been focused on preservation and conservation. The land use policies of the COG cities and Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains are **similarly** focused on resource protective policies first and environmental stewardship because stakeholders have worked **together** for decades on COG City General Plans and on the Unincorporated North Area Plan and Local Coastal Program.

Our COI contains a network of **interconnected** designated rural villages, and mountain/coastal communities like: Malibou Lake, Cornell, Topanga, Old Topanga, Calabasas Highlands, Monte Nido, Triunfo Lobo Canyon, Cold Creek, Seminole Springs, Lakeside, Corral Canyon, Sunset Mesa, Old Agoura, Big Rock, Liberty Canyon, Westhills, Sycamore Park, Saratoga Hills, Malibu Canyon, Mountainview, El Nido, Las Flores, Fernwood, etc.

Many of these communities are antiquated subdivisions with single ingress/egress on winding, narrow, steep trails and roadways.



Example of rural villages (pink) crisscrossing the Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains coastal zone.

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA)

The principal park agencies that jointly operate, manage, and comprise the *Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area* are: The National Park Service, California State Parks, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority.



The Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains and COG cities either are fully enclosed in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area or they are Gateways. This map also shows how State Parks are interconnected and woven throughout our COI.

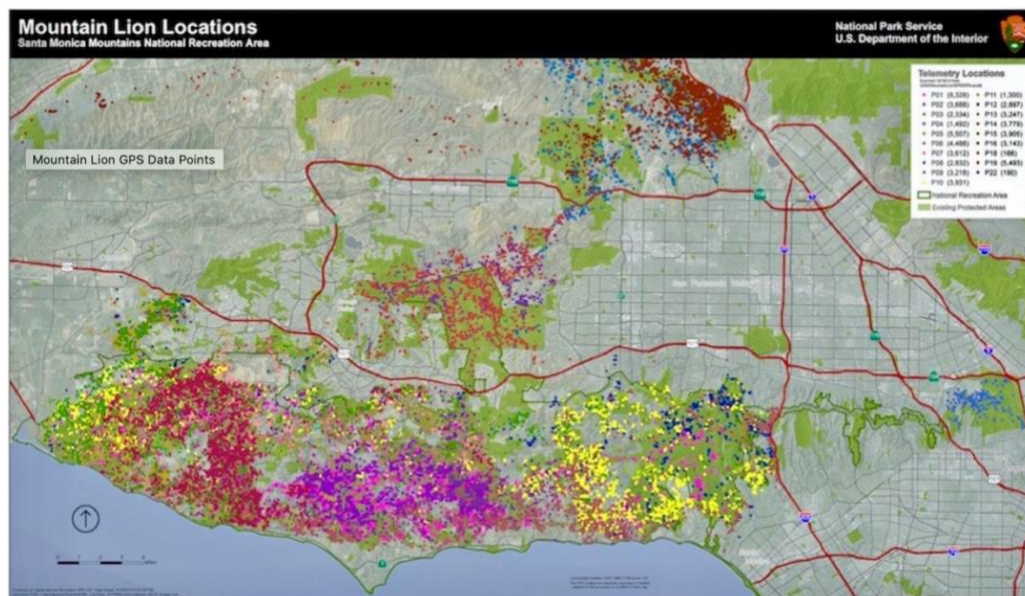


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Connectivity is Key and just as important for stakeholders/communities as it is for the wildlife -- aka mountain lions. The SMMNRA is a mosaic of parkland, open space, habitat, and **regional trails** all interconnecting in **one eco-system** that link the COG cities and Unincorporated areas.

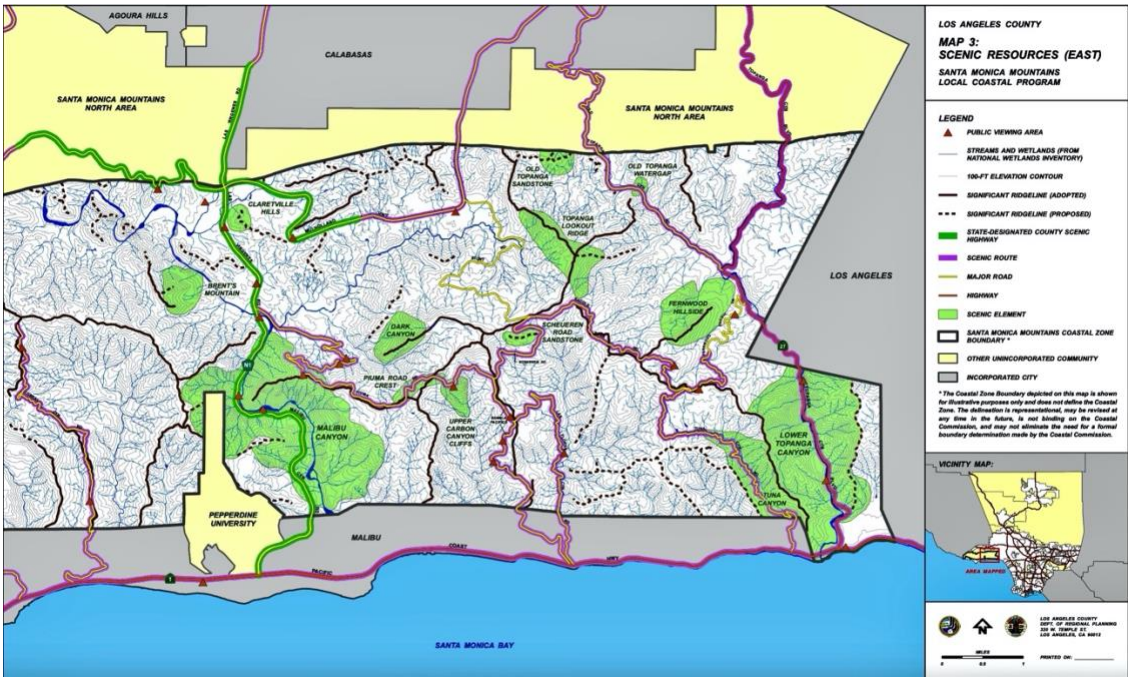
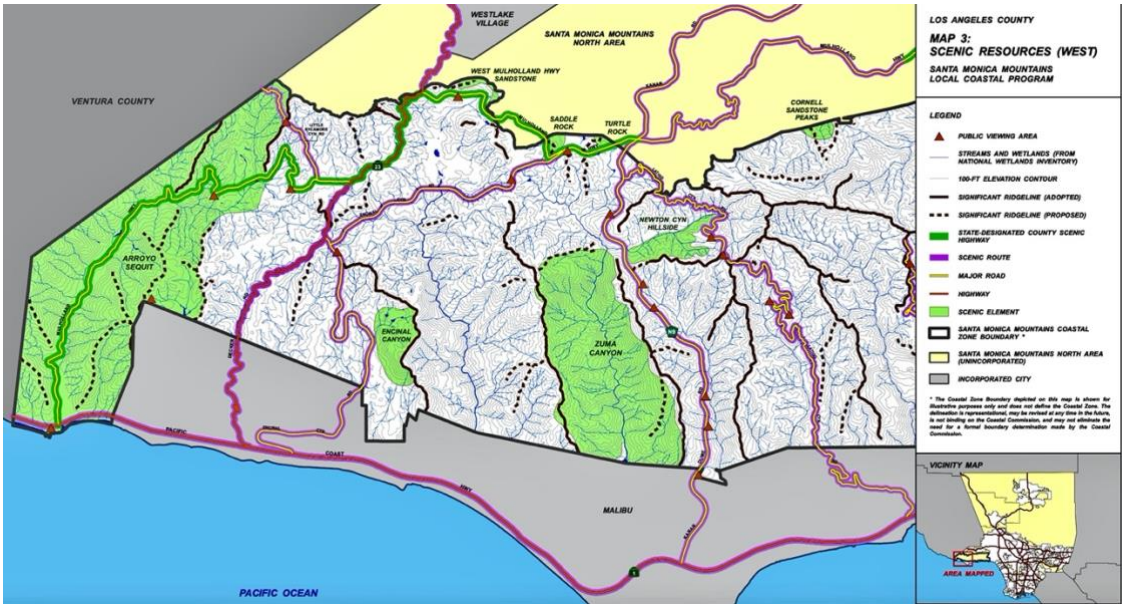
Preserving Wildlife Corridors that allow and link wildlife passage from the sea, throughout the mountains, and the COG cities (and hopefully soon over the 101 freeway via the Liberty Canyon Wildlife bridge) has always been a shared priority of the SMMNRA park agencies & stakeholders.



Clearly it is one cohesive/connected wildlife movement area.

People Corridors -Transportation. There are three main north-south arterials connecting residents from the sea through the mountains inland which are Kanan-Dume, Las Virgenes-Malibu Canyon, and Topanga Canyon. The principal east west arterials are Pacific Coast Highway, Mulholland Highway, and the 101 Freeway.

As per the scenic resource map below, residents also daily utilize a distinct web of interconnected scenic canyon routes like Piuma, Latigo Canyon, Cold Canyon, Corral Canyon, Las Flores, Decker, Encinal, Mulholland, etc., to access their neighborhoods, and likewise visitors do to recreate.



Fighting for and implementing synced land-use policies that protect wildlife and preserve habitat remain the focal point of shared community efforts in the SMMNRA unique to this turf. For example, light and noise greatly impact wildlife, so *dark sky ordinances* and *noise regulations* have been instituted. Full enclosures are required for animal keeping to protect mountain lions because this is their turf and they cannot differentiate between prey. Permeable fencing is required to allow safe wildlife passage, and barbed and razor wire are prohibited as a use. Tree protection policies are also stricter and more encompassing to protect viewsheds and biological resources in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

The communities work collaboratively with the park agencies on education and matters of mutual benefit to residents and wildlife sustainability.

Shared Economic Interests - Outdoor Recreation Area

It is currently estimated the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area hosts between 15-20 million visitors per year to our mountains and beaches. That fuels an economic engine of approximately 675M to 900M annually. The communities and cities are all tied together economically in this **visitor serving region**.

Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ)

Unified/Coordinated Wildfire Fighting Resources, Evacuation, and Emergency Preparedness. The Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains and the COG cities are all designated as a VHFHSZ served by one Fire Agency -- The Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD) and by County AG for brush clearance requirements on vacant parcels throughout the COI.

We have a coordinated fire preparedness policy, emergency response, and evacuation plans that are unique to us.

We also have specific to us fire-fighting resources like 69 Bravo -- a special tool in L.A. County Fire's tool chest for fighting "wildfire here in the National Recreation Area." It's a helistop located on a mountain-top that is used for water dropping helicopters with 10,000 gallons of water on site. 69 Bravo allows helicopters to pick up water, drop water, re-fill, and quickly get back to the blaze because time is of essence when battling wildfire in our wild, inaccessible steep terrain, mountains and isolated canyons.

Community protection strategies like home hardening, ignition point mitigation, and defensible space are all part of this integrated planning.

Wildfire is our shared number one public safety threat. Wind driven fires courtesy of Santa Ana winds like Woolsey in 2018 wreak devastating harm onto our neighborhoods, wildlife, and habitat. Post Woolsey the Third District Supervisor initiated a TASK Force comprised of COG City and Unincorporated community representatives and hired Consultants to prepare a *Post Woolsey Wildfire Report*. It recommended and outlined a comprehensive, cohesive, and cooperative plan to protect residents and battle wildfire in the Santa Monica Mountains -- acknowledging the strong integrated partnership between the communities, L.A. County Fire, and the Lost Hills Sheriff Dept.

Law Enforcement

We share two law enforcement agencies -- the Lost Hills Sheriff Department based in Calabasas and the CHP based in the West Valley. All of the COG cities contract with the Sheriff's Dept. and Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains are served by the same. The CHP patrols certain roadways like Topanga Canyon Blvd., Old Topanga, and Mulholland Hwy. Frequently however it is the Sheriff that does too. Citizens have worked for decades with our law enforcement partners re: emergency evacuations and repopulation of neighborhoods due to wildfire, and to mitigate reckless and speeding motorcycles/cars on our scenic and arterial routes.

Enforcement is no easy feat in the Santa Monica Mountains -- the Sheriff knows the turf particularly well -- it is unique because of the topography and remoteness of communities, but also because there are millions of annual visitors. Rescues for example are commonplace here in the coastal mountain areas due to hiking injuries, over exertion, falls, etc.

Another unique aspect of law enforcement that we share in the National Recreation Area is Park Rangers -- we have State Park Rangers, National Park Service Rangers, and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy/MRCA Rangers that patrol and protect people and parkland.

Water Districts

There are two water districts that have always served this COI -- the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) and Los Angeles County Waterworks District 29.

School Districts

The award-winning Las Virgenes Unified School District is the largest public school district and serves the majority of this area with 8 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, and 2 high schools -- and several specialty schools.

Secondarily, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, serves Malibu but that has been fraught with conflict for years. Malibu has been attempting to sever ties and they moved one step closer last month when the Los Angeles County Office of Education's County Committee on School District Organization, held a preliminary hearing. Councilmember Farrer remarked that, "When it comes to common community interests, whether its places of worship, commerce, shopping, Malibu and Santa Monica [the city] don't mix." Furthermore, the two are not connected geographically -- they are separated by Pacific Palisades which is part of the City of Los Angeles.

There are also several private schools, like Viewpoint in Calabasas, and Manzanita in Topanga, that serve students from the COG cities and Unincorporated areas.

No Boundary Zip Codes

As yet another example of the seamlessness of this COI, zip codes and mailing addresses are not separated by jurisdictional boundaries. Old Topanga for example extends from Unincorporated County through the city of Calabasas, yet homeowners in Old Topanga Calabasas have the Unincorporated Topanga zip code. The Cold Creek community is split between Calabasas and

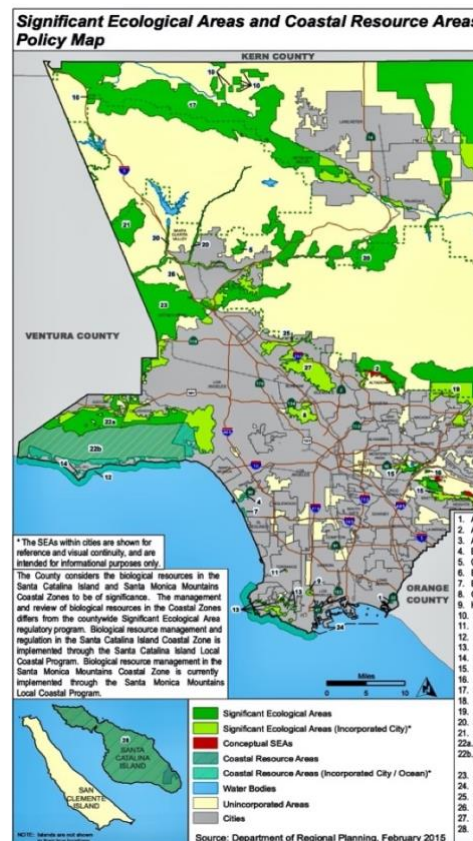
Unincorporated County -- with a Calabasas mailing address. The Unincorporated rural coastal village of Monte Nido has a Calabasas mailing address and zip code. Likewise, the Unincorporated North Area's Malibu Lake community address and zip code is Agoura Hills. Corral Canyon and other Unincorporated coastal communities closer to the city of Malibu, have a Malibu zip code and mailing address.

The **King Gillette Ranch** which is the **Interagency Visitor Center** for the entire Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is located in the Unincorporated County Coastal Zone, yet its address/zip code is Calabasas: *26800 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas, CA 91302.*

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The SMMNRA was established by Congress in 1978 to protect the scenic natural and cultural resources of the coastal Mediterranean ecosystem and to preserve public health benefits offered by the natural setting as the largest urban park in the nation. As excerpted from the National Park Service SMMNRA website, "We jointly protect this area with numerous other state and local agencies and even private homeowners!"

L.A. County has further designated the majority of this COI as an SEA -- Significant Ecological Area -- containing some of the County's most precious biological resources (see the SMMNRA highlighted in various greens below).



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Also -- we strongly advocate that our *Westhills Unincorporated Community* remain with the COI as it is now. It is a part of the SEA, and contiguous to the Upper Las Virgenes Open Space Preserve which is contiguous to the North Area and Calabasas and therefore a natural and important part of the Santa Monica Mountains COI.

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Districts

Encompassed in the Third District as we currently are, has been very beneficial for our Santa Monica Mountains COI and we would ideally prefer the boundaries of the Third to remain relatively the same.

Continuing to incorporate the COI in a District with other Santa Monica Mountain communities along the coast that are adjacent like Pacific Palisades and inland by simply following the Santa Monica Mountains eastward as the Third District currently does/encompasses makes sense since we share many of the same issues -- including *wildfire connectivity* -- and communities are nestled in canyons, on hillsides, and share the same natural environment and mountainous or mountain/coastal landscape. When a wildfire starts in the Brentwood portion of the mountains as it previously has for example, concerns are always that it will burn westward toward the sea, along and through the mountains to Pacific Palisades, and into Topanga and thus the SMMNRA. When a fire started this spring in the SMMNRA in Topanga State Park, it burned through to the Palisades.

These Santa Monica Mountains communities are also part of the WUI -- Wildland Urban Interface -- and many have also likewise been long time advocates of fighting for protective resource policies for wildlife and connectivity. They are also interspersed with open space protected parkland.

So, to reiterate we would like our COI to remain in a similarly drawn Third District.

Sincerely,
Kim Lamorie
President
Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, Inc., of the Santa Monica Mountains.

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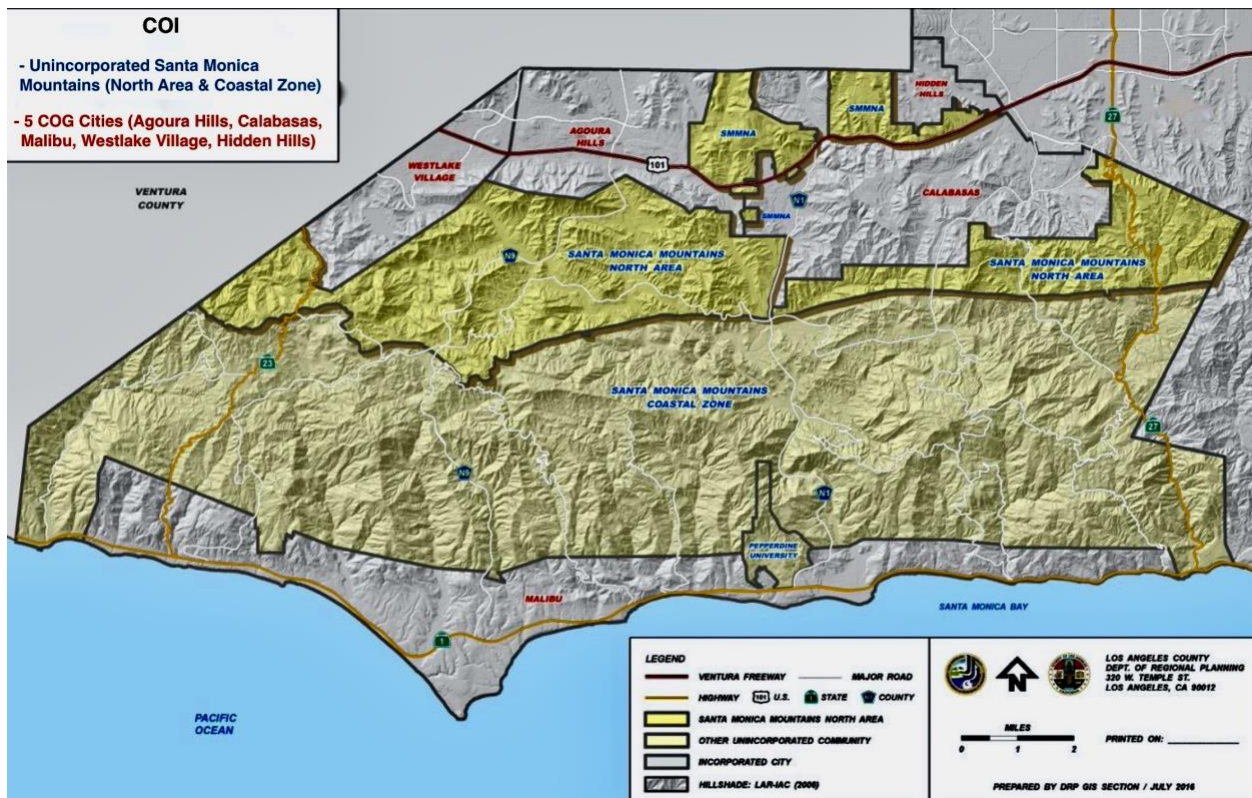
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CORNELL RD Homeowner's

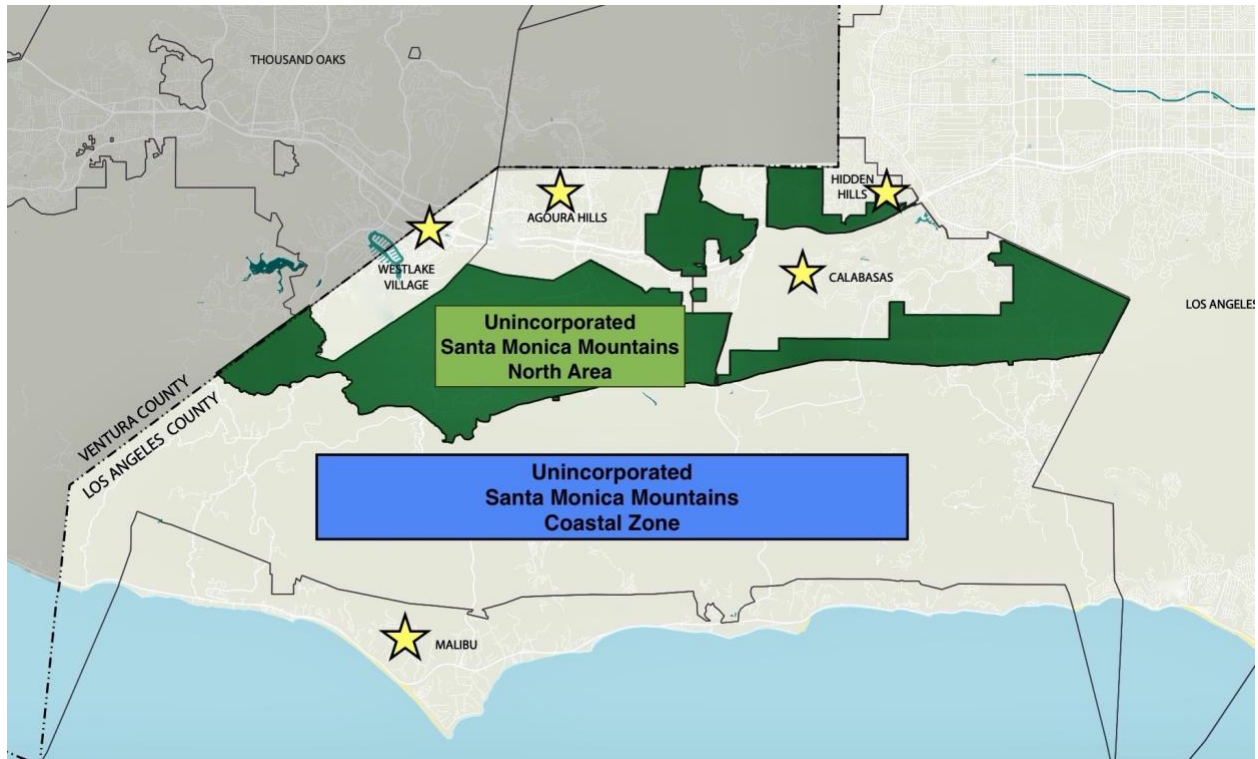
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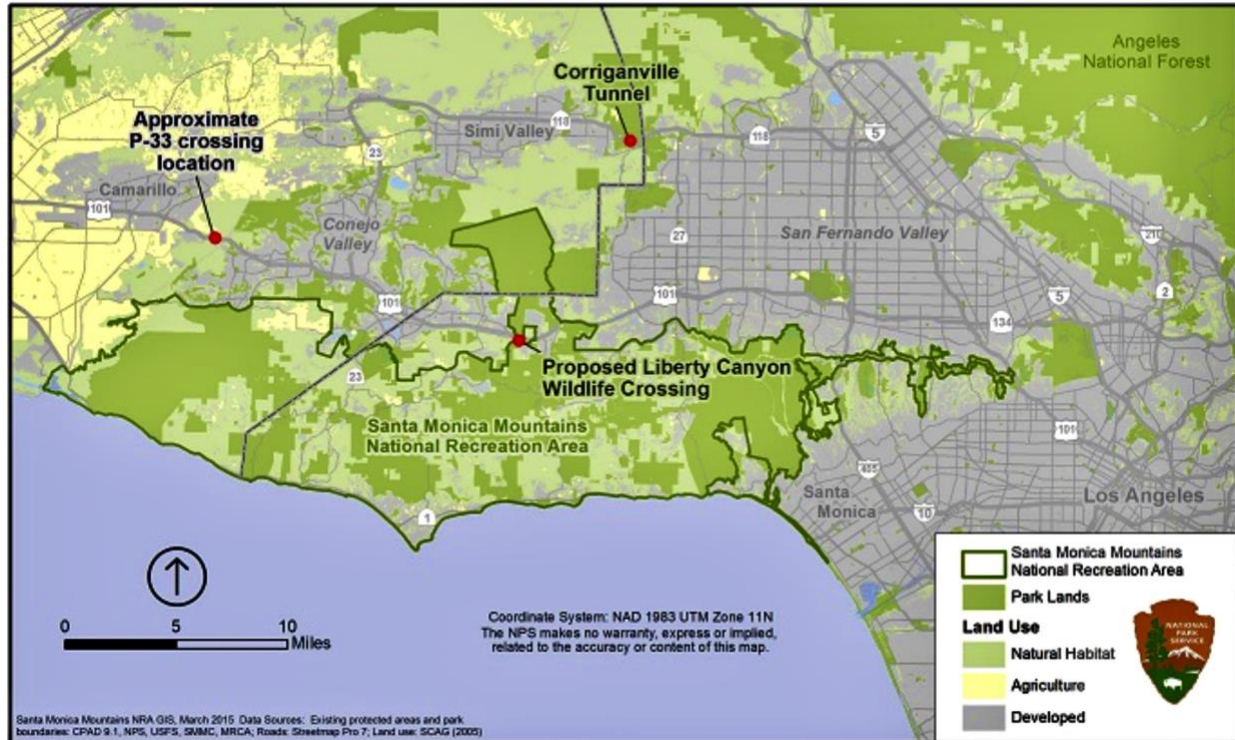
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Mollie Helfand

LVHF Member

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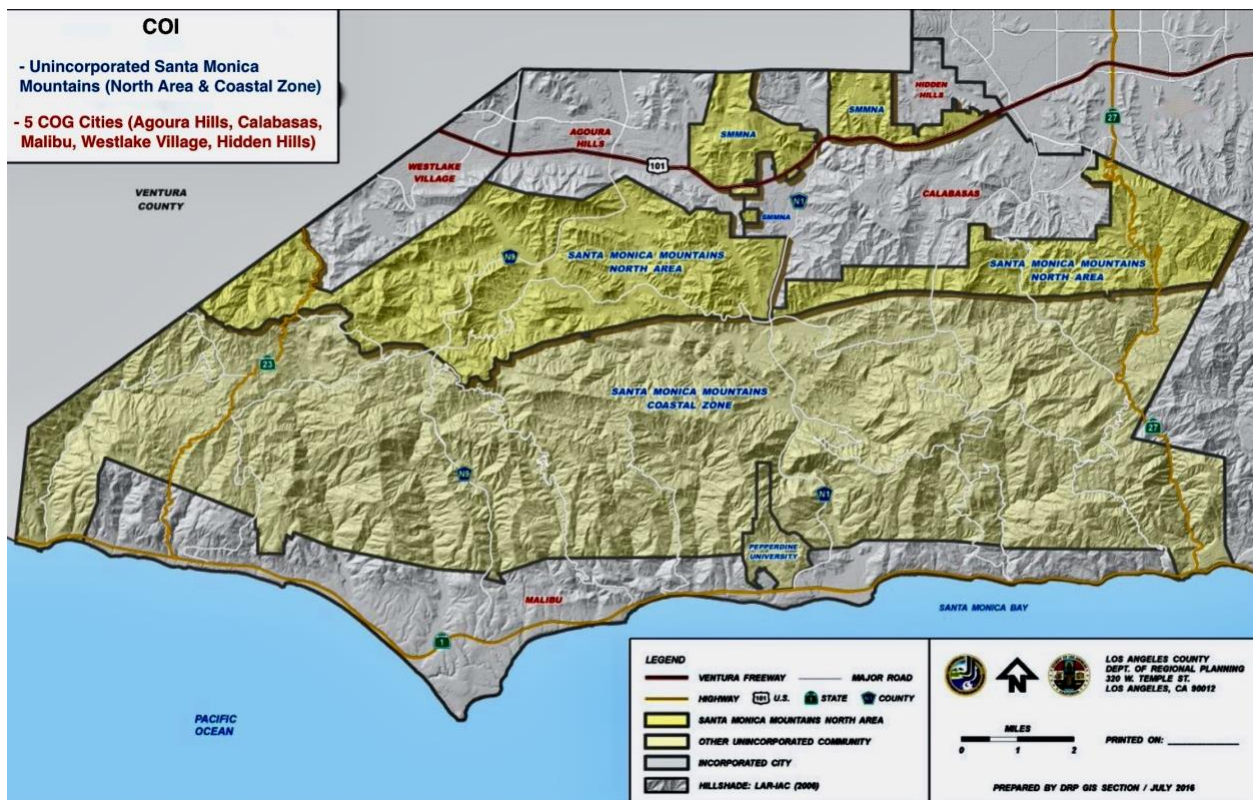
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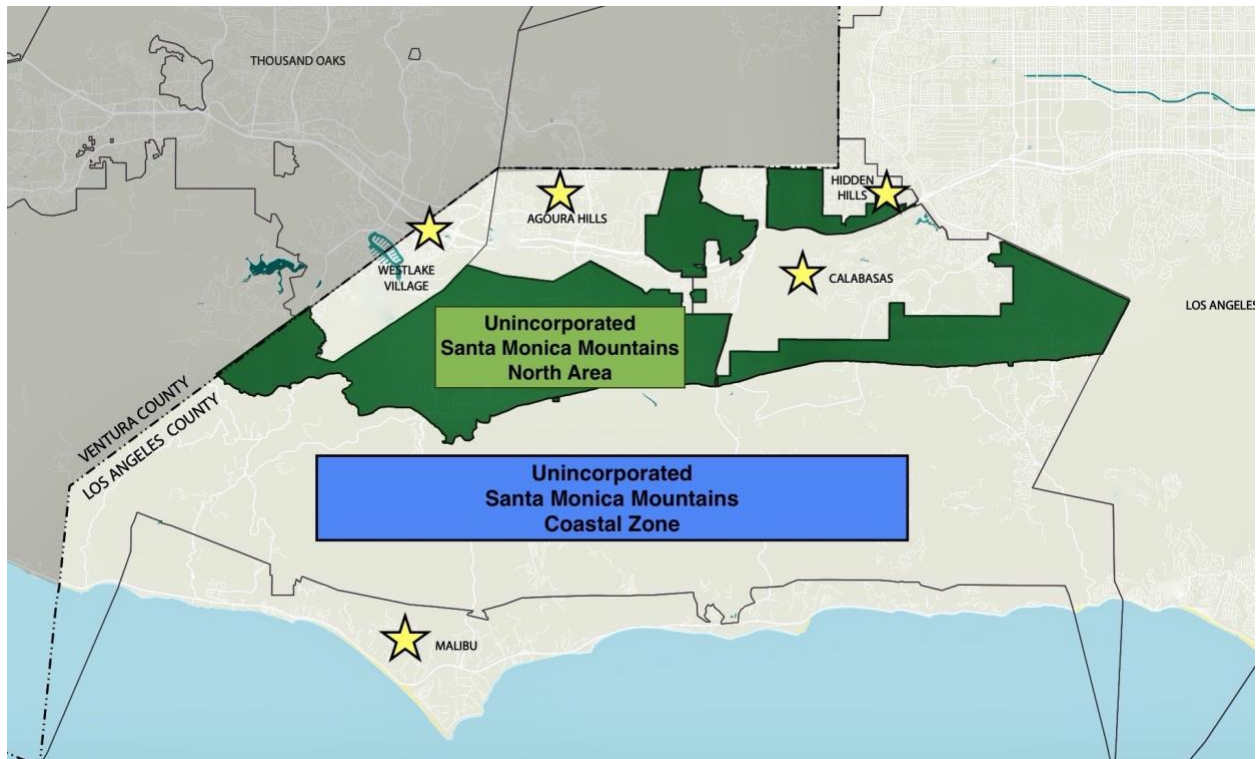
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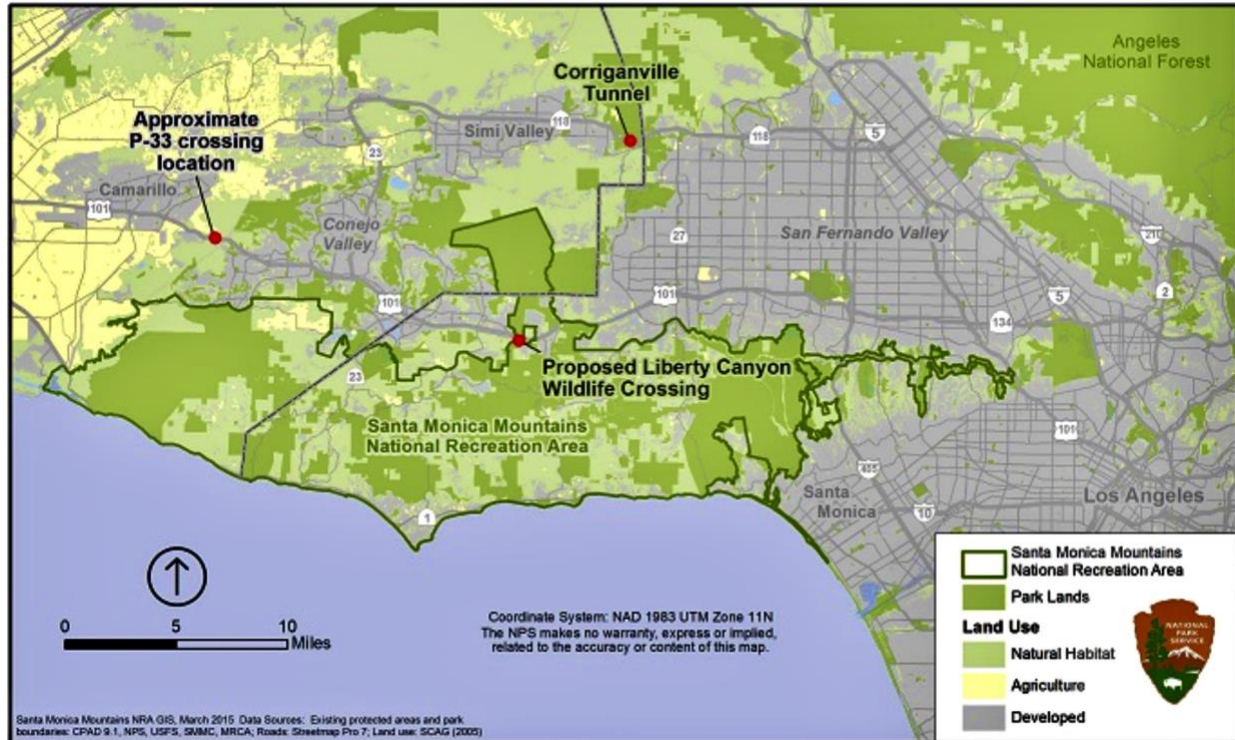
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Sincerely,
Renee Taylor

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"Gateway to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area"

October 6, 2021

To: Honorable Thai Le, Los Angeles County Clerk
tle@lacounty.gov

Re: Redistricting Community of Interest

Dear County Clerk Le:

The City of Agoura Hills, is submitting this letter requesting consideration to maintain a cohesive regional group of public agencies. As a member city of the Las Virgenes/Malibu Council of Governments ("COG"), we want to express our strong support for the inclusion of the COG cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Westlake Village, and the unincorporated area from Topanga to the Ventura County line in one Community of Interest ("COI"). There are several compelling reasons which support this determination, which we encourage you to consider.

- 1) The five cities are entities separate and distinct from the City of Los Angeles, joined in a longstanding common COG. These COG cities, and virtually all of the area of the Santa Monica Mountains from Topanga Canyon (Route 27) west to Ventura County, are served by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Not by the City of Los Angeles. In addition, the COI's are served primarily by the Las Virgenes Unified School District and the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.
- 2) The unifying geographic feature of these five cities is their location at the foot of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Coordination among these entities during wildfires, earthquakes, traffic challenges, and other emergencies is essential to coordinate a safe and prompt response and allow communication and evacuation to proceed in an orderly fashion. Numerous homes through this entire COG area are rural and keep livestock. Many of the roads are narrow or steep. This area creates a unique set of challenges that have been addressed utilizing a collaborative regional approach.
- 3) The City of Agoura Hills has a majority of its community located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone as well as most of the Las Virgenes/Malibu COG. Agoura Hills, as well as the surrounding communities were entirely evacuated during the Woolsey Fire, with many homes lost. It was critical then and even more so now given the increased risk of wildfires in the area that we remain in the same

supervisory district as COG partners and within the area governed by the special fire hazard risk prevention standards of the Los Angeles County Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan. Dividing the COG agencies, who remain in the same fire risk hazard zone, leaves Agoura Hills and the other agencies vulnerable and risks fractured chains of command and leadership during these horrendous emergencies. Retaining the COG agencies under the same district can prevent these issues.

- 4) The City of Agoura Hills as well as the other cities in the Las Virgenes/Malibu COG contract for public safety services through Los Angeles County. All of our services derive from the Lost Hills/Malibu Sheriff's Station. The ability to operate as one regional unit has enabled the cities to receive consistent services from the Sheriff's Department and ensured that any issues or concerns could be voiced to one Supervisor via a unified voice of the COG cities. Dividing the COG cities would eventually topple the functional relationship that has existed for many years and put a strain on the ability to adequately provide public safety services to the communities as well as risk dividing the leadership lines of responsibility.
- 5) The area is dependent on four major state and local highways: the 101 freeway, Pacific Coast Highway, Topanga Canyon Boulevard, Malibu/Las Virgenes Road, and Kanan Road, all with unique regional challenges. Accordingly, it is important to underscore the geographic implications of our road configuration as a COI.
 - Travel eastward to the City of Los Angeles involves taking the 101 freeway over the Calabasas grade.
 - Travel westward to Simi Valley is only possible by travelling east to Topanga Canyon Boulevard or west to the 23 Freeway in Thousand Oaks.

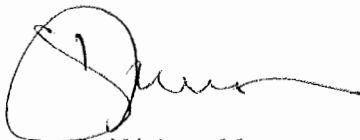
These are long circuitous routes, especially during peak am/pm commuter hours. Those who live in our area do not feel any more connected to Simi Valley or the City of Los Angeles than they do to Camarillo or Oxnard. We have greater commonality with the City of Thousand Oaks and the southern part of Ventura County, all sharing the proximity to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

- 6) The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors established a district office for this area in the City of Calabasas over 30 years ago. This was done in recognition of the need to be accessible to residents and businesses of the Las Virgenes and Conejo Valleys and their shared economic and community areas of interest.
- 7) It is noteworthy that Los Angeles County Measure W has defined our Watershed Committee to include these areas north of the Pacific Ocean in order to protect watershed and water quality from runoff into the Santa Monica Bay.

- 8) Lastly, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (National Park Service), California State Parks (Topanga, Malibu Creek State Parks, etc.), and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority ("MRCA") share a large area of land in and between these unincorporated areas and the cities in the region. Protecting natural resources and providing public access requires ongoing communication between the various jurisdictions in western Los Angeles County.

For these reasons and others, we feel strongly that this area is a natural Community of Interest, and, accordingly, should not have divided representation on the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Denis Weber, Mayor

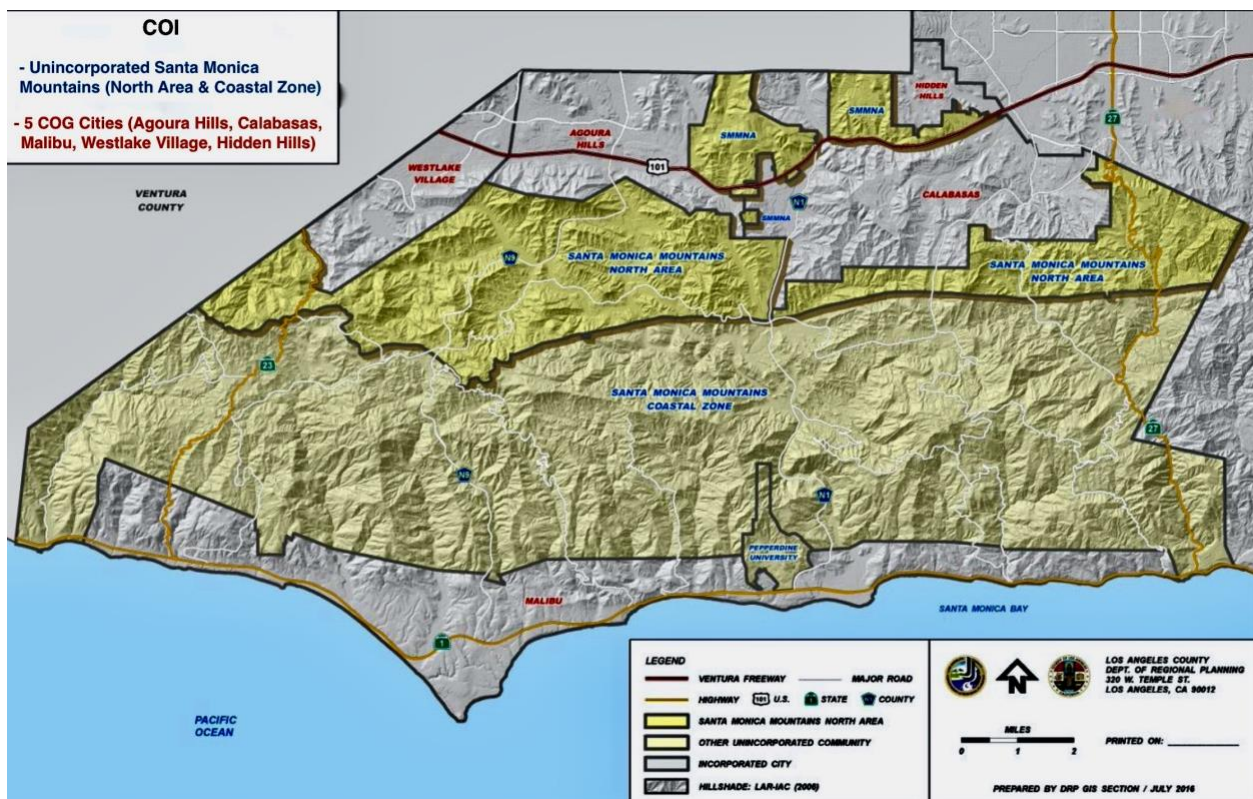
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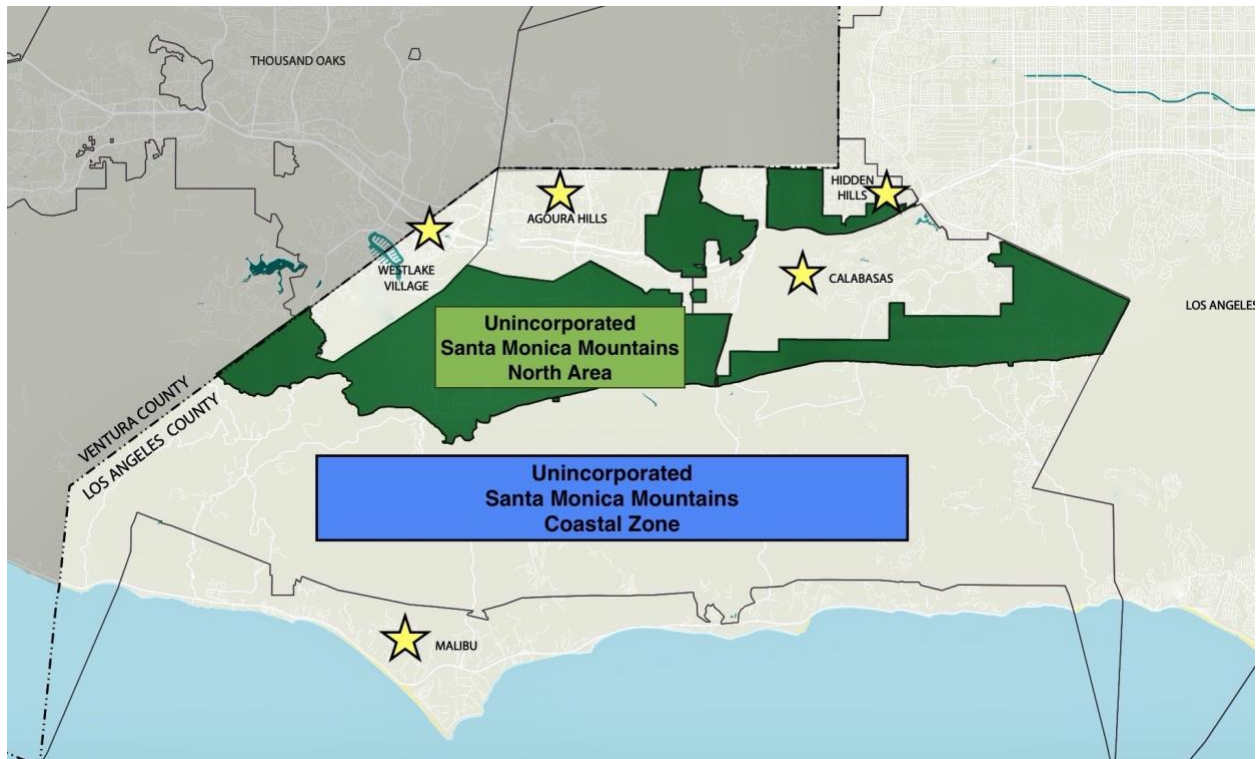
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Sincerely,
 Laura Gross
 Westhills Home Owner

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021 PUBLIC COMMENT

Meeting Date: 10/13/2021

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021 PUBLIC COMMENT

CONFIRMATION

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021 PUBLIC COMMENT

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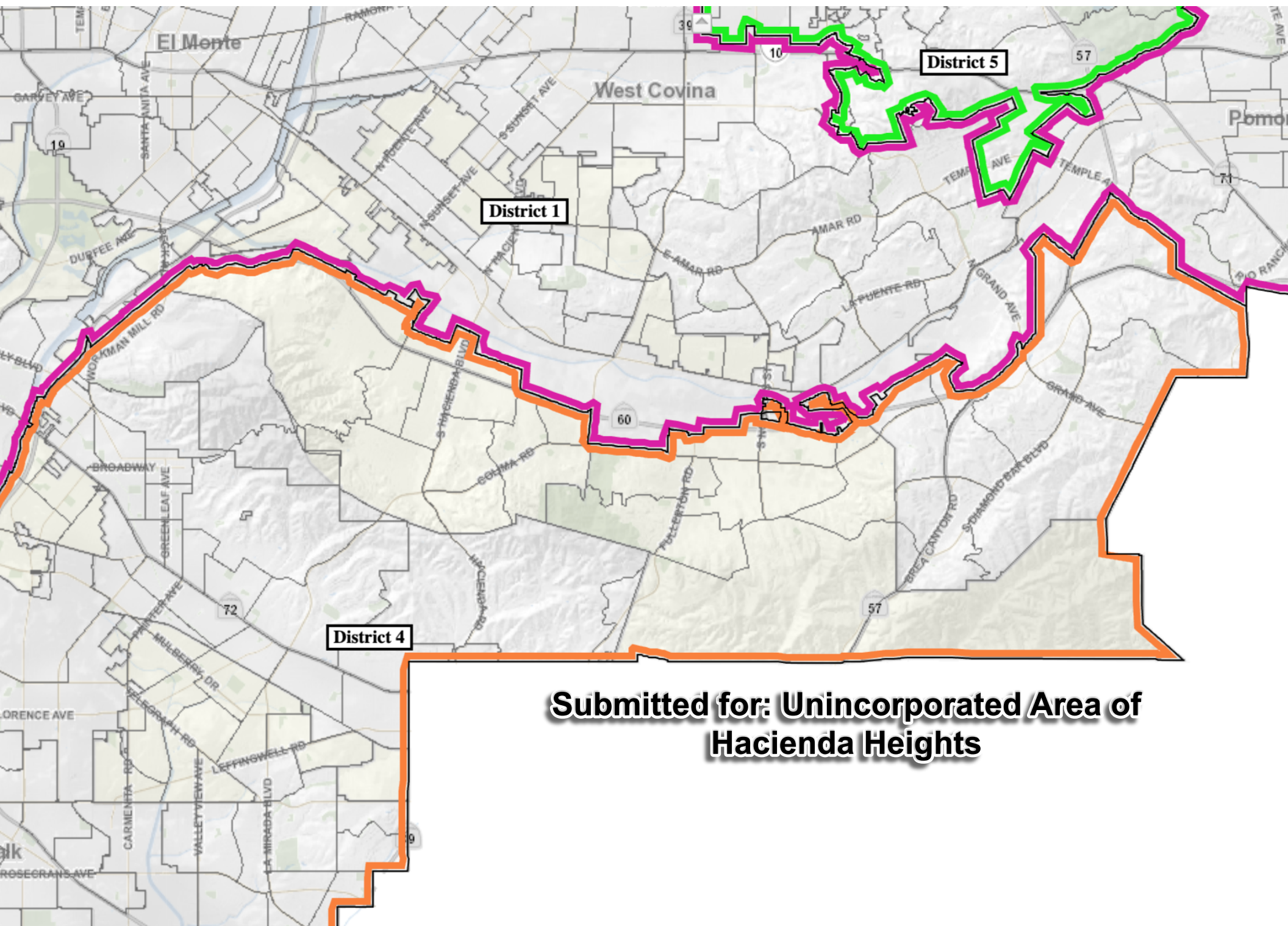
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**Submitted for: Unincorporated Area of
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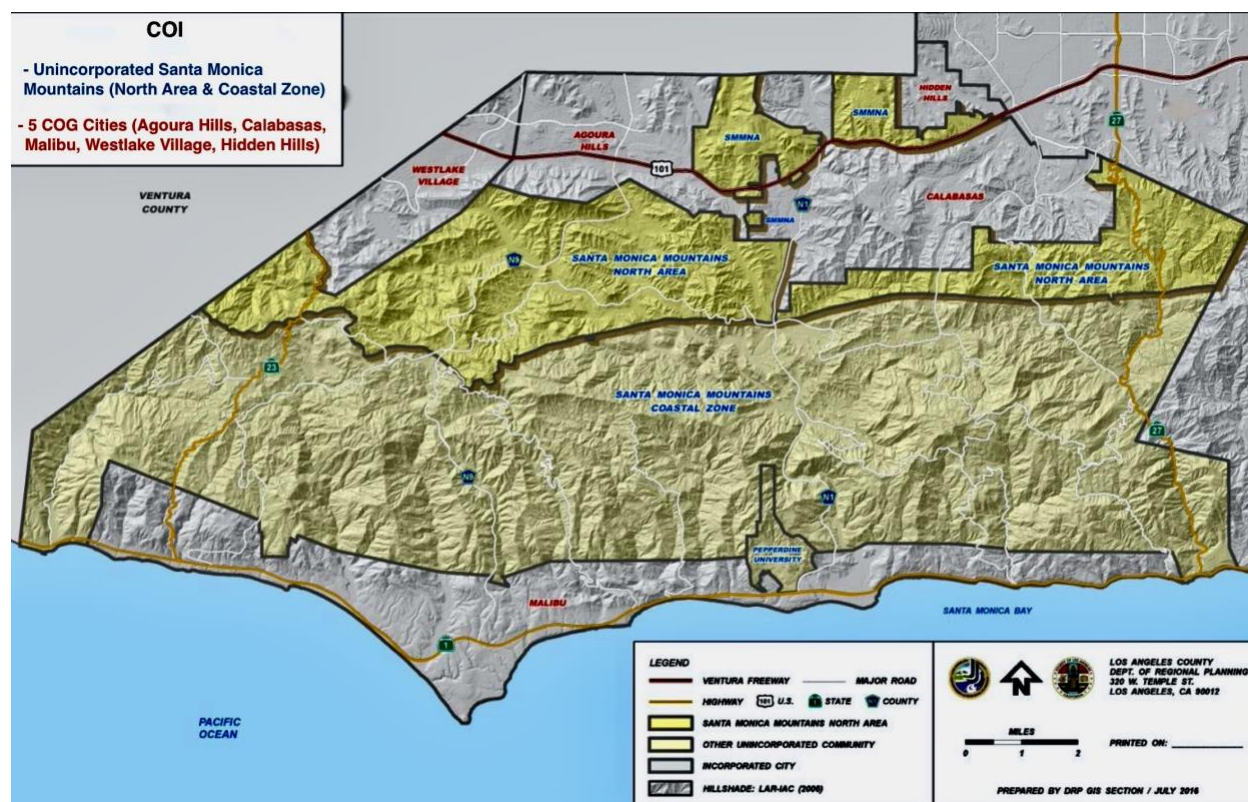
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Honorable Commissioners:

As the former head of the Westhills Fire Safe Council, it is imperative that our SMM + COG Cities are kept together. We work jointly on fire and other community issues and can work closely with Sheila's office. If we're separated, our efforts will be diluted and duplicated.

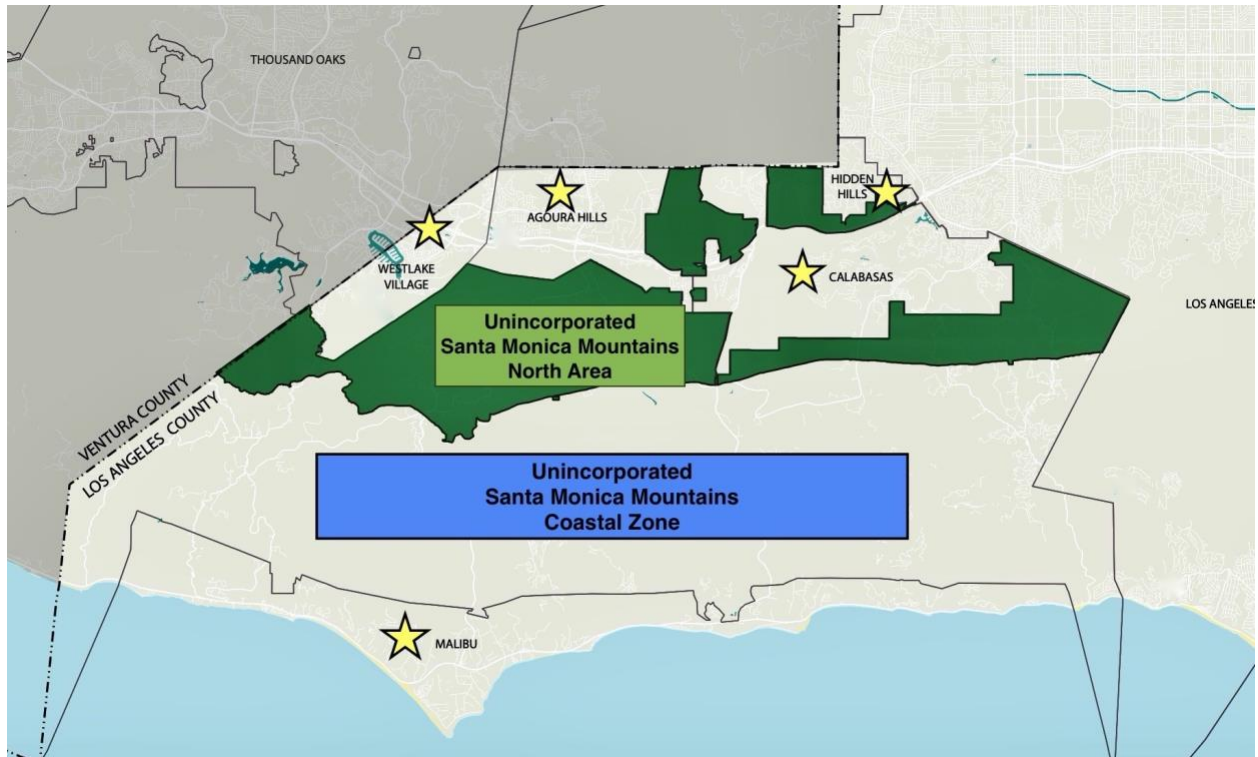
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Sincerely,
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Westhills Homeowners Association
Westhills (Unincorporated)

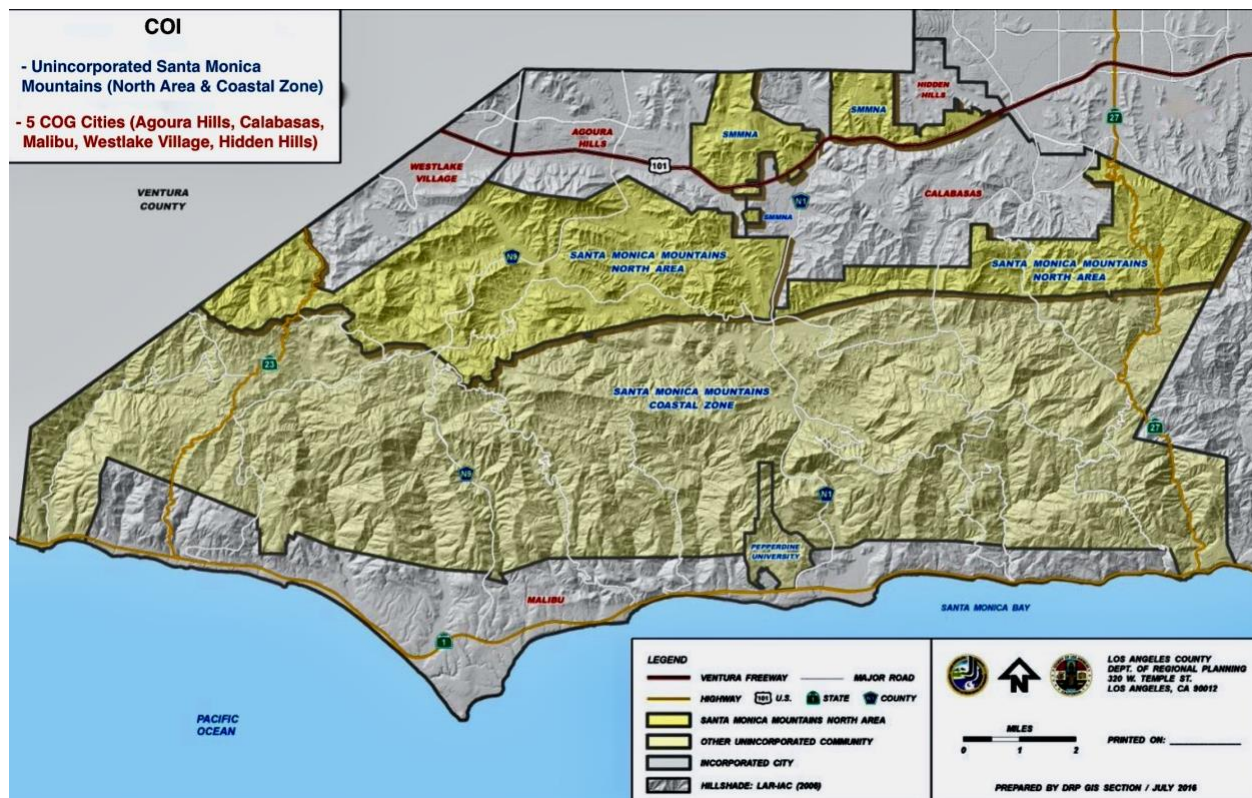
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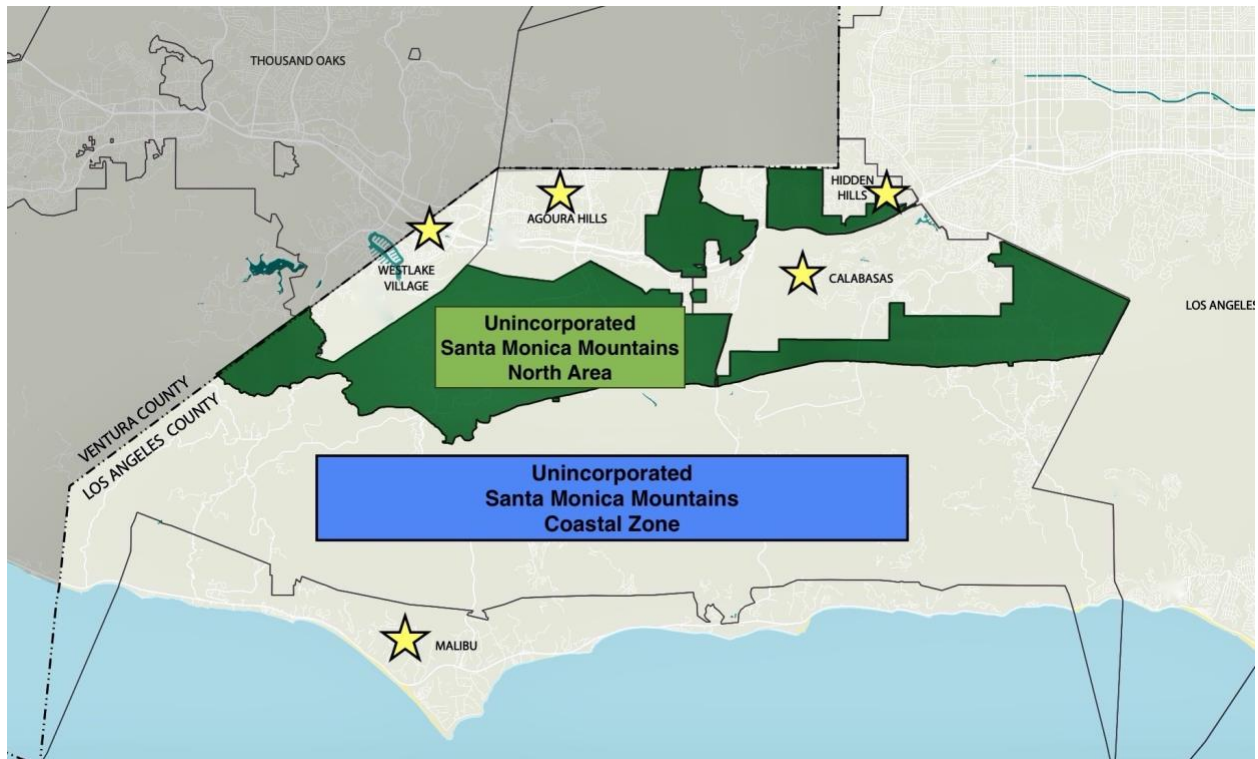
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Calabasas residents

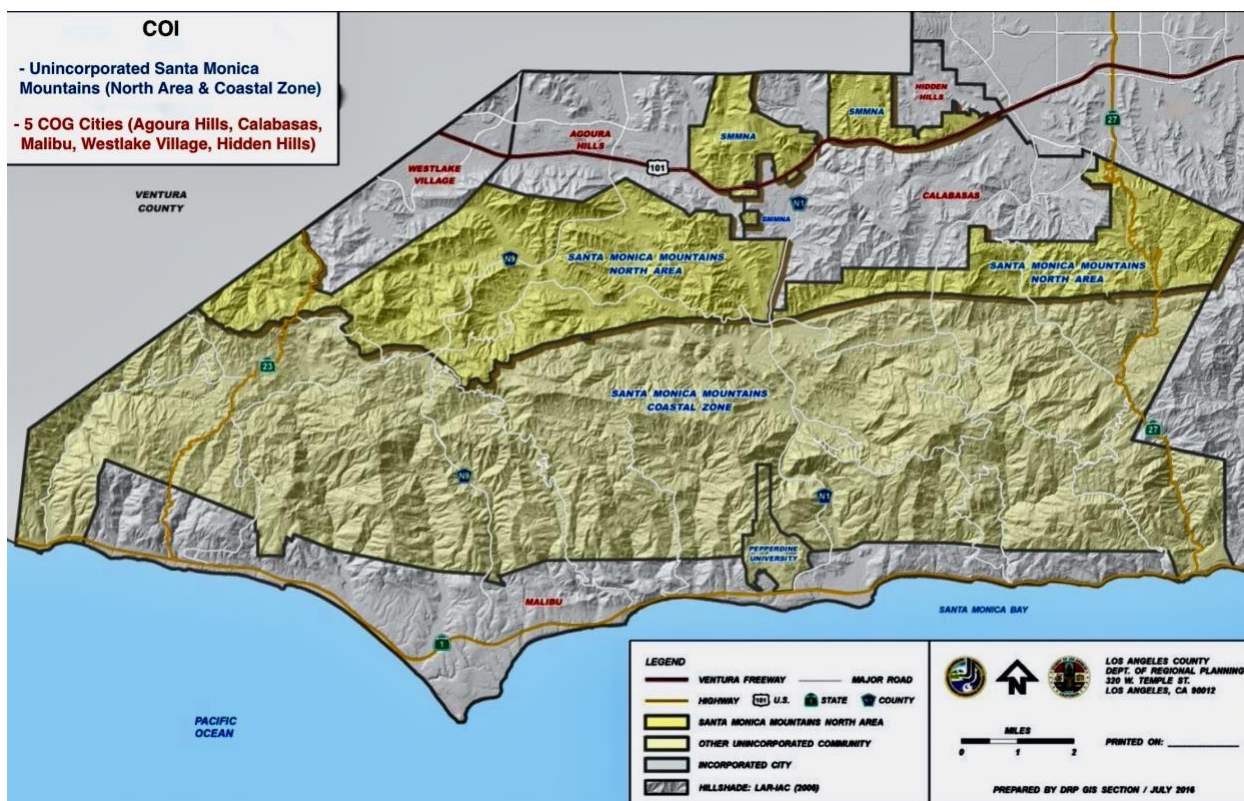
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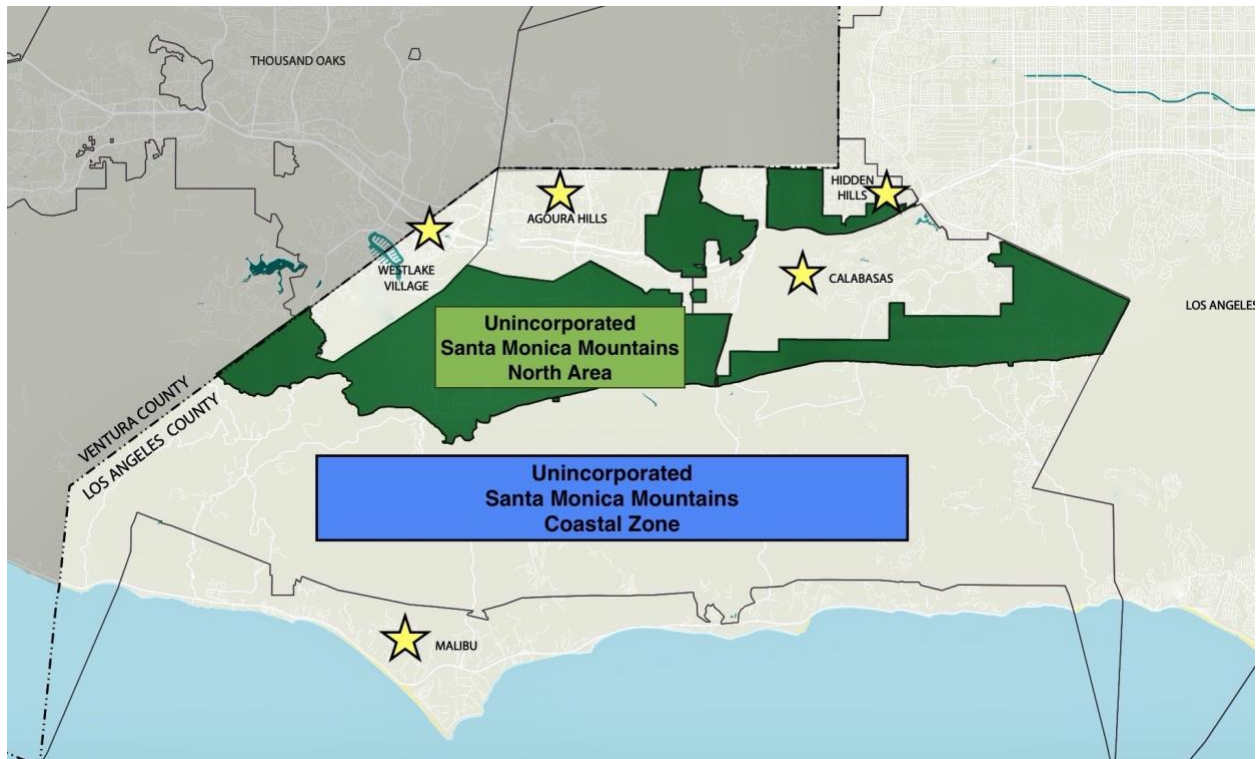
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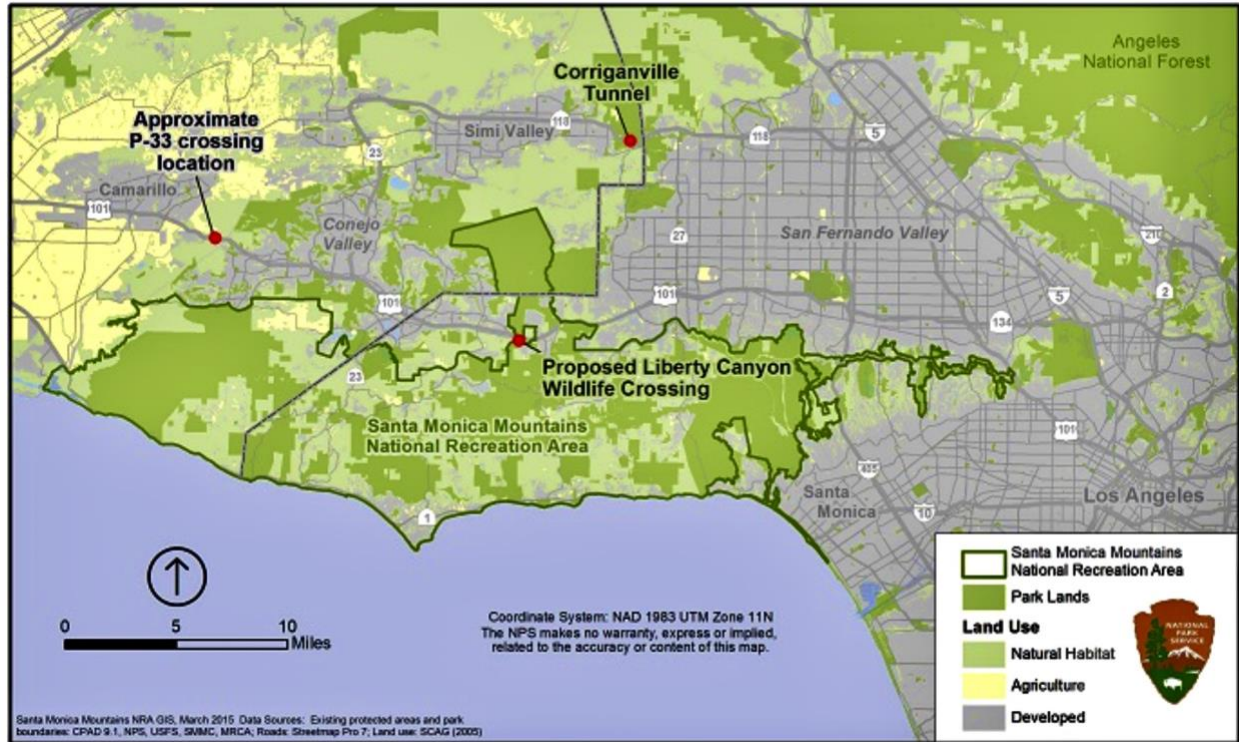
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Sincerely,
Jolie Willett

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TOPANGA ASSOCIATION FOR A SCENIC COMMUNITY
PO BOX 352
TOPANGA CA 90290

Dear County Redistricting Commissioners

Our organization strongly recommends keeping Topanga and the rest of the Santa Monica Mountains as one cohesive district.

The Santa Monica Mountains in its entirety is governed by two hard fought land use plans: the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Plan and the North Area Plan. This covers the mountains from the Pacific Ocean to the San Fernando Valley. These were accomplished only by working together with all of our neighbors in the mountains. We all share the same interests in the protection of our combined resources. It has been demonstrated over and over by our communities working together. We share our watershed, mountain lion, Coyote, bobcat, snake, our entire animal population and vegetation. From coastal Sage brush to our mighty oak trees and from the mountains to the sea.

Through our various shared community and homeowner groups we have a tight-knit bound within the Santa Monica Mountains. Over the many years we have stood arm and arm with our neighbors. We have always seen ourselves as one in the third district during times of crisis; Fire, flooding, mud slides etc. etc. the Santa Monica mountain community works together.

Topanga as part of the Santa Monica Mountains together share with the greater LA Community Topanga State Park. This was another hard fought land use battle that was important for the preservation of the Santa Monica Mountains. The mountains are widely recognized as a community of interest by all who use it.

Along with the mountains, our beaches are of equal value. Topanga State Beach is frequented by thousands every year. Its connection from Topanga through to the county line must remain as part of our third district. It has always been a piece of the mosaic that makes up the Santa Monica Mountains.

Roger Pugliese

Chair

Topanga Association for a Scenic Community

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To All Those involved in the District 3 Redistricting Process.

Good governance is often about common sense. Time tested protocols that work are to be fostered, supported towards a better future. The Santa Monica Mountains are a treasure for all Californians, but most importantly, for Los Angelinos. The local communities in the Santa Monica Mountains have long been at the center of the immense task of preserving and maintaining this special resource for all.

For whatever reasons may be presented, it makes no sense whatsoever to divide the communities in this area by altering the District boundary to exclude Topanga. Topanga is an essential part of the Santa Monica Mountains as a village, a home to park lands, and as a seat of dedicated organizations that are committed to preservation and realistic sustainable use within this precious wild mountain environment. Topanga is home to many non profit groups that contribute to a resonsable, realistic, effective, and financially effcent response to the challenges of urban expansion, park extension, a clean environment, water and wildlife protection and fire/disaster safety. It's citizens live here because of their love for and attraction to the natural mountain environment.

Communication between and within mountain communities has evolved over the decades. Theses communities share a common interest in addressing the issues of education, environmental protection, transportation, public land use, beach accessibility, wildlife protection and perhaps most critical, fire/disaster safety.

If creating and maintaining good efficient governance is in part the object of establishing district boundaries, it makes no sense to carve up the Santa Monica Mountains, to separate Topanga from the other mountain towns and cities.

There is nothing in this letter about red or blue, right or left, one agenda or another. It is about the needs of Californians and the best ways to serve them. Not all these communities and organizations agree on everything. That is not the point. The people who live in them are best suited to together address their common issues—all opinions aired to reach the best solutions. This is democracy at it's best, something that we all need to support, preserve and cherish.

Please maintain Topanga and the rest of the Santa Monica Mountains as part of the same district.

Thank you,

Ken Mazur

TASC Board Member
Topanga Citizen

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October 13, 2021

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
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ATTN: Alvaro E Hernandez, Executive Director

The attached letter and materials are respectfully submitted by the Westside Neighborhood Council (WNC), following the public release earlier today of the Commission's proposed district boundary maps ("visualizations") for: (a) the U.S. House of Representatives; (b) the California State Senate; and (c) the California State Assembly.

The Officers and Board Members of the WNC are shown to the left. Other information about the WNC, including a description of its geographical boundaries, was provided in our letter of July 12, 2021.

Sincerely,

Terri M. Tippet
Chair

cc: Board Members, WNC



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CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

721 Capitol Mall
Suite 260
Sacramento, CA 95814

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- California State Assembly Districts
- California State Senate Districts
- California Congressional Districts.

With one exception as described below for LA County State Assembly Visualization Set B1, the WNC believes that all of the proposed visualizations dated October 13, 2021 achieve the priority objective set forth in our letter of July 12: **that the entirety of the geographical area that forms the Westside Neighborhood Council, as shown in the July 12 letter, be assigned to a single district in each of the State Assembly, the State Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives.**

The one exception for which we request further modification relates to “LA County Assembly Visualizations B1.” In the third visualization of Set B1 (“Westside”), the southern boundary needs to be modified slightly. The southern boundary of the WNC includes the area bounded by: (i) Sepulveda Blvd. on the west; (ii) the 10 Freeway on the north; (iii) Overland Avenue on the east; and (iv) National Blvd. on the south. This small area needs to be included in the “Westside” visualization of LA County Assembly Visualizations B1 by removal of this area – comprising less than 200 single-family homes and a modest number of multi-family units – from the “LAX” visualization.

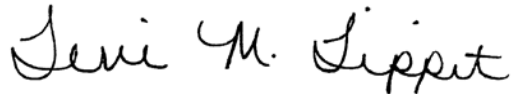
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The attachments provide a graphical depiction in RED of the triangular area that should be shifted in LA County Assembly Visualization Set B1 from the “LAX” visualization to the “Westside” visualization in order to ensure that 100% of the area of the WNC is assigned to the single State Assembly District shown on the “Westside” visualization.

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit this letter.

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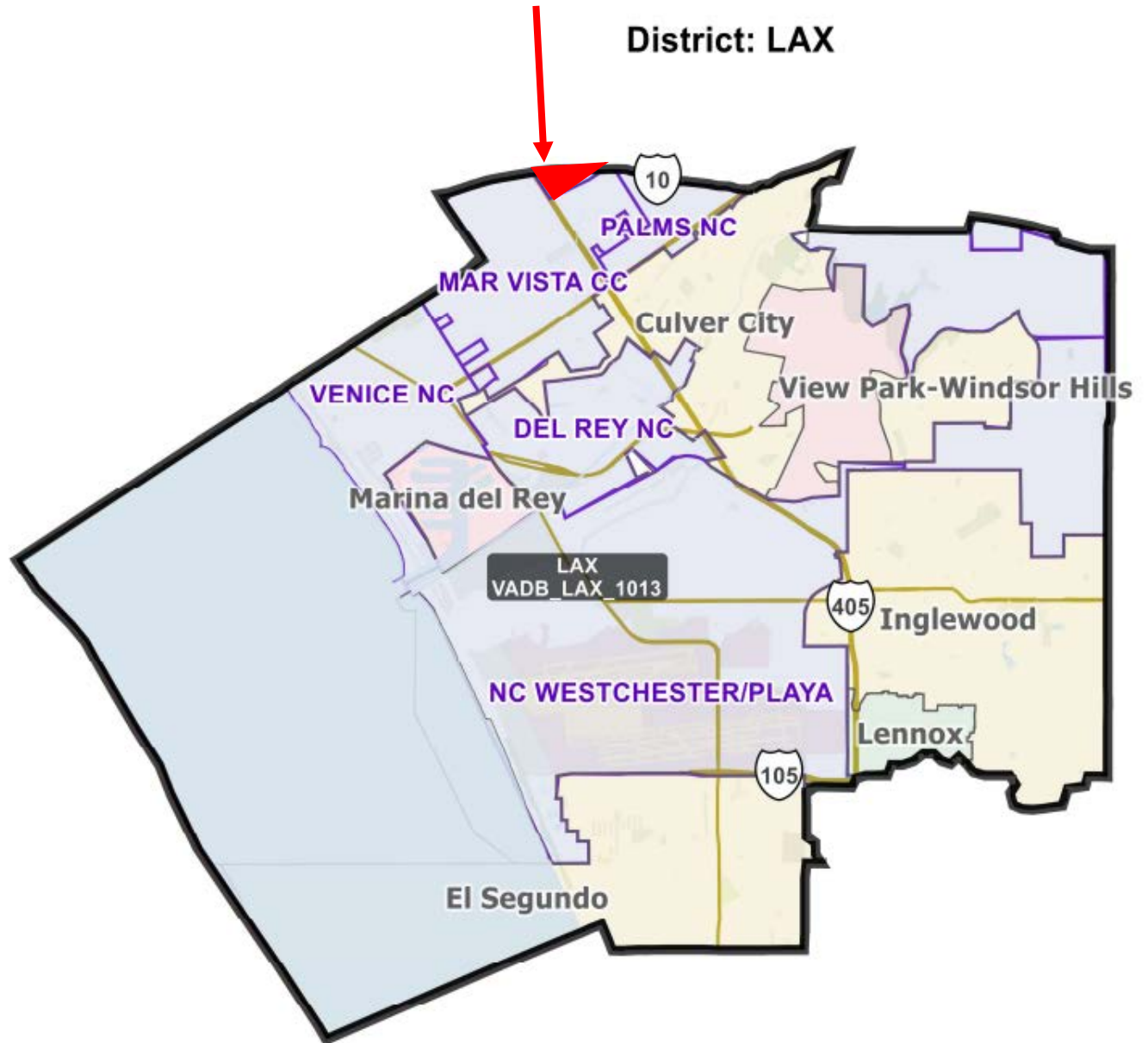
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Terri M. Tippit
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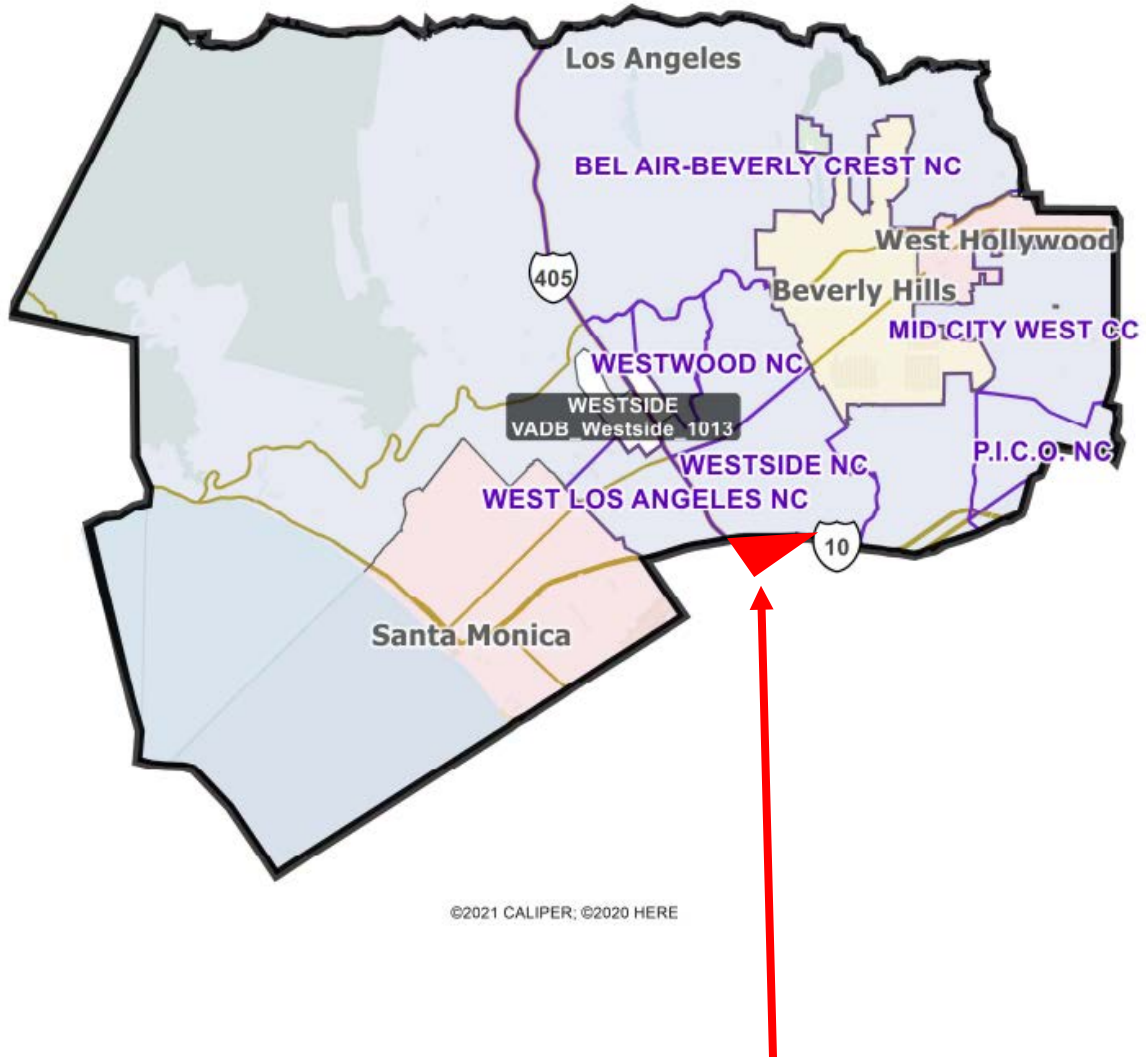
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District: WESTSIDE



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

October 6, 2021

Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission
P.O. Box 56447
Sherman Oaks, CA 91413

Dear Commissioners:

As the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission considers boundaries for the County's five supervisorial districts following the recent release of federal census data, the City of Pasadena would like to strongly advocate for the classification of the tri-city area of Pasadena, Burbank and Glendale as a Community of Interest ("COI") and its continued inclusion within Supervisorial District 5. Per Section 2(d)(4) of Article XXI of the California Constitution, a COI is a contiguous population sharing common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.

Given its historic ties, demographic and economic similarities, shared legislative and municipal objectives, and joint coordination on regional safety and public service programs, the tri-city area of Pasadena, Burbank and Glendale should be considered a COI and maintained within the same supervisorial district.

History

Characterized as older suburbs, Pasadena, Burbank and Glendale share a similar history as former Ranchos that saw the development of townsites in the 1880s. Located on former land grants from the Spanish and Mexican governments in the early to mid-1800s, Glendale and the eastern part of Burbank occupy what was formerly Rancho San Rafael, while west Burbank was once part of Rancho La Providencia. Pasadena sits on land that was formerly managed by the San Gabriel Mission and later became Rancho el Rincon de San Pascual.

Coinciding with a land boom in the 1880s and the growth of manufacturing and tourism in the region, the cities of Pasadena, Burbank and Glendale experienced extensive population growth and incorporated in 1886, 1911 and 1906, respectively. The 1920's and 1930's saw increased housing development and commercial activity in the tri-city area as well as the establishment of economic, cultural, and civic institutions, including the Rose Bowl stadium in Pasadena, Walt Disney studios in Burbank, and the Grand Central Air Terminal in Glendale. All three cities enjoyed an industrial boom in the 1940s and continue to promote economic vitality for their business community through joint economic development initiatives.

As charter cities with a Council-Manager form of government, Pasadena, Burbank, Glendale have local decision-making authority over municipal affairs and have similar objectives to address the needs of their residents and business communities. As full-service cities, they provide their own safety and utility services, contain independent school districts, and advocate for similar municipal priorities.

The cities further share common neighborhood aesthetics, from tree-lined neighborhoods, and the preservation of open space – Glendale has 50 public parks, Burbank has 41 parks and facilities, and Pasadena has 24 parks. Beautiful, thriving neighborhoods are central aspects to the quality of life the tri-cities provide for their communities.

Demographics and Economic Background

The tri-cities further share similar demographics and economic metrics, including population size, concentration of population per square mile, median age, and median housing values are comparable between the three cities. Pasadena, Burbank and Glendale also share diverse residential populations.

Joint Ventures

Pasadena, Burbank and Glendale work in concert on several joint ventures to provide transportation, business, and safety services to the region. As a COI, the tri-cities region is closely connected by economic development initiatives. Historically, with their proximity to Los Angeles and population increases associated with the growth of manufacturing industries, the tri-cities boast a diverse economic base, from entertainment to professional services to businesses that serve the aviation and technological sectors. The region is home to thousands of entertainment and media companies and tens of thousands of tech and creative industry jobs.

The tri-cities also participate in the larger Arroyo Verdugo Communities Subregion Joint Powers Authority (“JPA”), which also includes La Canada Flintridge, South Pasadena, and the unincorporated communities of Montrose/La Crescenta. Formed in 2018, the JPA oversees the subregion's five-year transportation program and expenditure of Metro Measure M funds toward the region's transit needs. Connected by Interstate 5 and State Highway 134, the tri-cities have consistently coordinated on regional transportation initiatives.

Pasadena, Burbank and Glendale are working jointly to complete a transit fleet electrification study for their local routes to respond to state-mandated regulations that promote zero-emission transit vehicles. The study is currently underway and represents a regional effort to mutually-address state transportation and environmental goals. Additionally, the three cities each appoint members to the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority, a separate government agency created under a joint powers agreement in 1977 to oversee operations at the Hollywood Burbank Airport.

In the area of public safety, Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena coordinate on regional fire and police efforts, including the Police Air Support Unit. Established in 1979, the Air Support

Unit, located at the Hollywood Burbank Airport, operates seven days a week conducting surveillance, fire observation, search and rescue, and mosquito abatement.

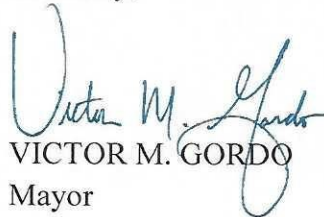
The tri-cities also founded the Verdugo Fire Communications Center in 1979 to optimize use of fire service and defense resources, which also provides Emergency Medical Services and rescue dispatch services to nine other cities in the region.

Finally, all three cities own and operate publicly owned utilities and serve as members of the Southern California Public Power Authority, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and the California Municipal Utilities Association.

The cities of Pasadena, Burbank and Glendale are closely connected through historical ties, demographic and economic similarities, legislative and municipal objectives, and joint partnerships that promote safety and reliable services for their communities. Maintaining the tri-cities within County Supervisorial District 5 would allow these municipalities to continue to effectively leverage resources toward meeting local and state goals, advocate their policy stances from a regional perspective, and provide a high quality of life and economic vitality for residents and businesses.

For additional information, please contact Julie A. Gutierrez, Assistant City Manager at JGutierrez@cityofpasadena.net.

Sincerely,



VICTOR M. GORDO
Mayor

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October 18, 2021

P.O. Box 56447 Sherman Oaks, CA 91413

Sent via electronic transmission

Re: The People's Bloc Redistricting Coalition

Dear Los Angeles County Redistricting Commissioners,

We appreciate the Commission's commitment to ensuring a fair and equitable redistricting process for Los Angeles County. **The People's Bloc (Bloc)** writes to formally submit our "Solidarity Map" for the 2021 redistricting cycle. This map represents the aligned recommendations of the twenty-seven undersigned member organizations. Collectively, these organizations serve as a set of trusted messengers within traditionally underrepresented communities.

The People's Bloc

To facilitate community engagement in the redistricting process, Community Coalition and Advancement Project California established the People's Bloc. The Bloc is a multiracial table dedicated to ensuring inclusion of everyday residents in the process, conducting public education, and proposing redistricting-related solutions that promote the political voice, representation, and access to resources of historically underrepresented groups.

Collectively, the Bloc represents the geographic and racial diversity of Los Angeles County. Members of the Bloc are deeply rooted in their communities, many bringing decades of experience building relationships and connections with residents. Geographically, the Bloc stretches from groups like InnerCity Struggle in the Eastside, to the ActiveSGV in the San Gabriel Valley, and Long Beach Forward in Long Beach. In addition, groups like South Asian Network, Black Census and Redistricting Hub, CAIR- LA, and the Latino Equality Alliance embody the ethnic and racial diversity of the City.

We believe it is essential to carry out a racial equity, intersectional, and interregional approach to the redistricting process. Throughout the process, and to center community voices, members of the Bloc have worked across communities and geographies to conduct ongoing grassroots community engagement around structural racism through storytelling, education, and targeted messaging. This work has culminated in the creation of a "Solidarity Map," which comprise district lines rooted in multiracial solidarity, elevate multiple communities, and dismantle white supremacy.

Collaboration in the development of our "Solidarity Map"

In the interest of developing maps that prioritize racial equity, the Bloc created a community-informed mapping process that prioritized multiracial solidarity. The following approach guided development of the "Solidarity Map:"



- **Community Engagement:** The Bloc's twenty-seven members worked throughout the year to educate residents across Los Angeles County about the redistricting process and identify communities of interest (COIs). This process included distilling and synthesizing redistricting information into easily digestible materials, and community events. Information gathered through this engagement process became the guide for priority setting and line drawing.
- **Data Analysis:** To create an inclusive and representative plan for the Los Angeles County Supervisors, our data analysts and geographers conducted a data-driven analysis on the current district lines with 2020 geographies and compared them to the most updated census data released. This data formed the architecture to incorporate COIs with federal Voting Rights Act (VRA) considerations in the creation of viable maps.
- **Partner Alignment:** Through weekly COI workshops and bi-weekly steering committee meetings, members of the Bloc shared community preferences. Simultaneously, communities of interest were gathered and reproduced as geospatial files. This regular discussion process generated data and built toward collective priorities that could inform draft maps.
- **Mapping and Collective Decision-making:** All of this intel was used to develop maps that met VRA regulations, kept communities whole, balanced the changing population, and connected regions with similar interests. Regularly, draft plans were produced and shared with the People's Bloc members to consult online drawing. Then, through an inclusive and representative decision-making process, the Bloc reviewed and refined draft maps until they achieved consensus honoring diverse community perspectives.

Simultaneous to the mapping process, Bloc members have continued to provide workshops, participate in panel discussions, and give presentations to the Commission on various topics. Community organizations have presented on topics such as lessons learned from public participation in the 2010 redistricting process, 2020 Census outreach, and best practices for community outreach and engagement, especially among Asian Americans, Blacks/African Americans, Latinxs, Native Americans, Pacific Islanders, Muslims and other religious communities, immigrants, refugees, and youth of color. They have led resident outreach and supported their participation in the CRC public hearing process to further elevate the voices of the most historically disenfranchised and marginalized communities.

Ensuring COI and VRA compliance

In order to ensure communities can elect their representative of choice, the Bloc's "Solidarity Map" adheres to Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C. § 10301, prohibiting discrimination in voting on the basis of race, color, or membership in a language minority group, while protecting COIs in areas where VRA considerations do not come into play. The "Solidarity Map" preserves the voting power of Latinx Angelenos, creating two VRA districts. Historic Latinx regions, including Boyle Heights, Lincoln Heights, and El Sereno,



maintain a VRA district in the Eastside. A second VRA is drawn, pairing SELA with areas to the south and east like Long Beach and Whittier.

The "Solidarity Map" further represents the compromise of twenty-seven partners to protect COIs within the limitations of population and VRA constraints. In creating two VRA districts, the People's Bloc redrew the boundary between District 1 and District 4 while protecting the community-identified borders of the Eastside and SELA. The Eastside of Los Angeles is home to a dense Latinx community with a rich history. Compromising Boyle Heights, Lincoln Heights, Monterey Park, and Montebello, the Eastside is known for street vendors, small business owners, customer service, and a lively food industry. In addition, it houses a large number of renters who are mainly Spanish and English speaking. They are teachers, social workers, and blue-collar workers. Residents identify SELA as eight cities, including Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Maywood, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Vernon, and South Gate. Its two unincorporated areas are Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park. These locales have similar demographics: a high percentage of Latino residents with low socioeconomic status, large immigrant populations, low adult educational attainment, a shared socioeconomic history, similar government structures and challenges, and strong social networks. The "Solidary Map" represents a strategic vision for keeping these communities whole within a two VRA district configuration.

Thank you for accepting our submission. **Please feel free to contact Aaron Robertson with Advancement Project California (arobertson@advanceproj.org), Kirk Samuels with Community Coalition (kirk@cocosouthla.org), and Jacky Contreras with Community Coalition (jacky@cocosouthla.org) with any questions you may have and to assist in communication with partners.**

Sincerely,
The People's Bloc

People's Bloc Members:

ActiveSGV

Advancement Project California

AltaMed Health Services

Anti-Recidivism Coalition

Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council

Black Census and Redistricting Hub

Black Women for Wellness

CAIR- LA



CARECEN

Community Coalition

Communities for A Better Environment

Comunidades Indigenas en Liderazgo (CIELO)

Inner City Struggle

Khmer Girls in Action

LA Black Worker Center

LA Voice

Latino Equality Alliance

Long Beach Forward

Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition

Newstart Housing Corporation

Nuestro Voto

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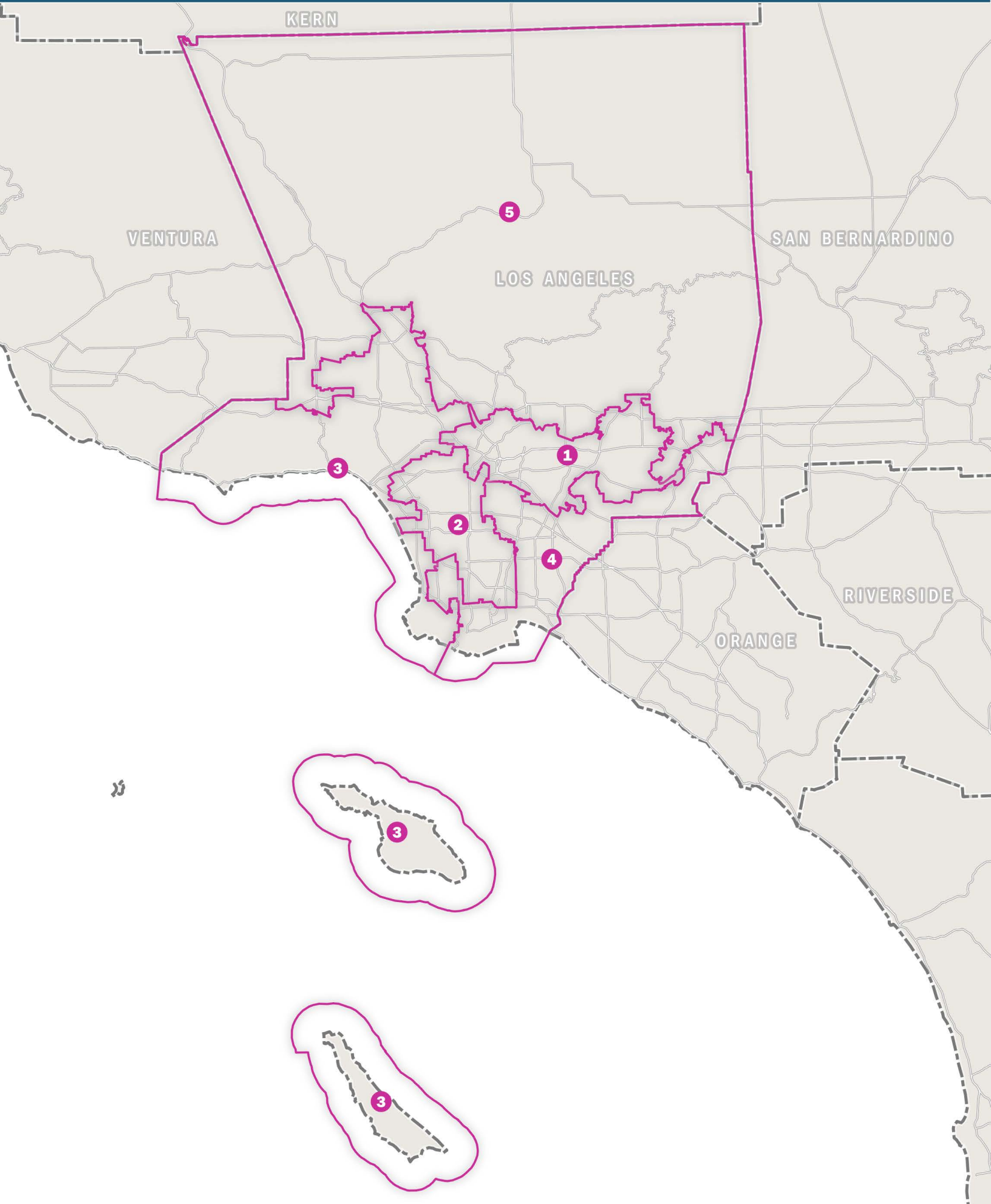
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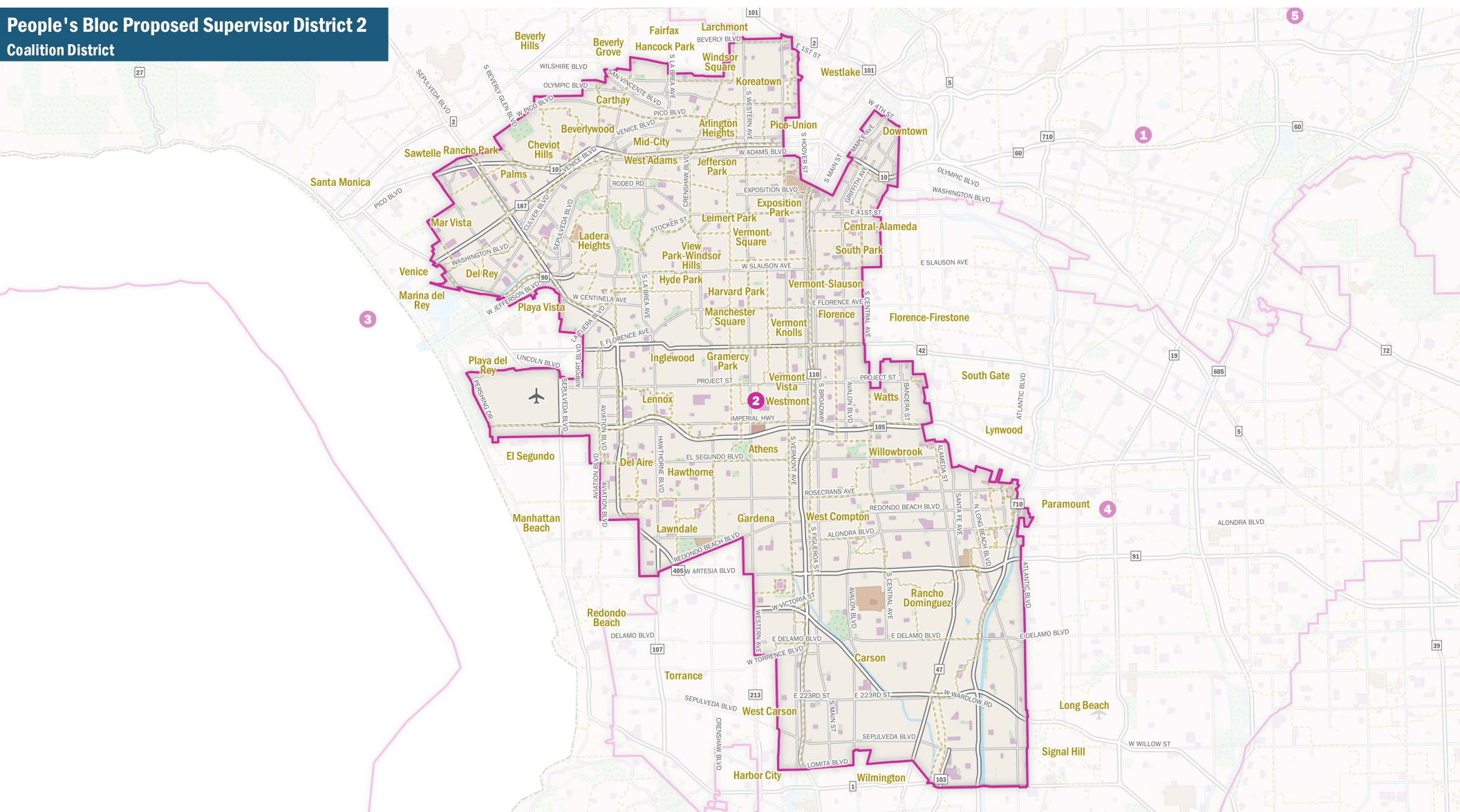
Social Justice Learning Institute

South Asian Network

The Community Action League



People's Bloc Proposed Supervisor District 2 Coalition District

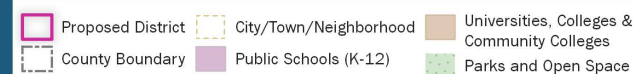


Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) of Proposed Coalition District

District	Total	% Total	Latinx	% Latinx	NH AIAN	% NH AIAN	NH Asian	% NH Asian	NH Black	% NH Black	NH White	% NH White
2	1149091	58%	439973	38.3%	4325	0.4%	134684	11.7%	357645	31.1%	194711	16.9%

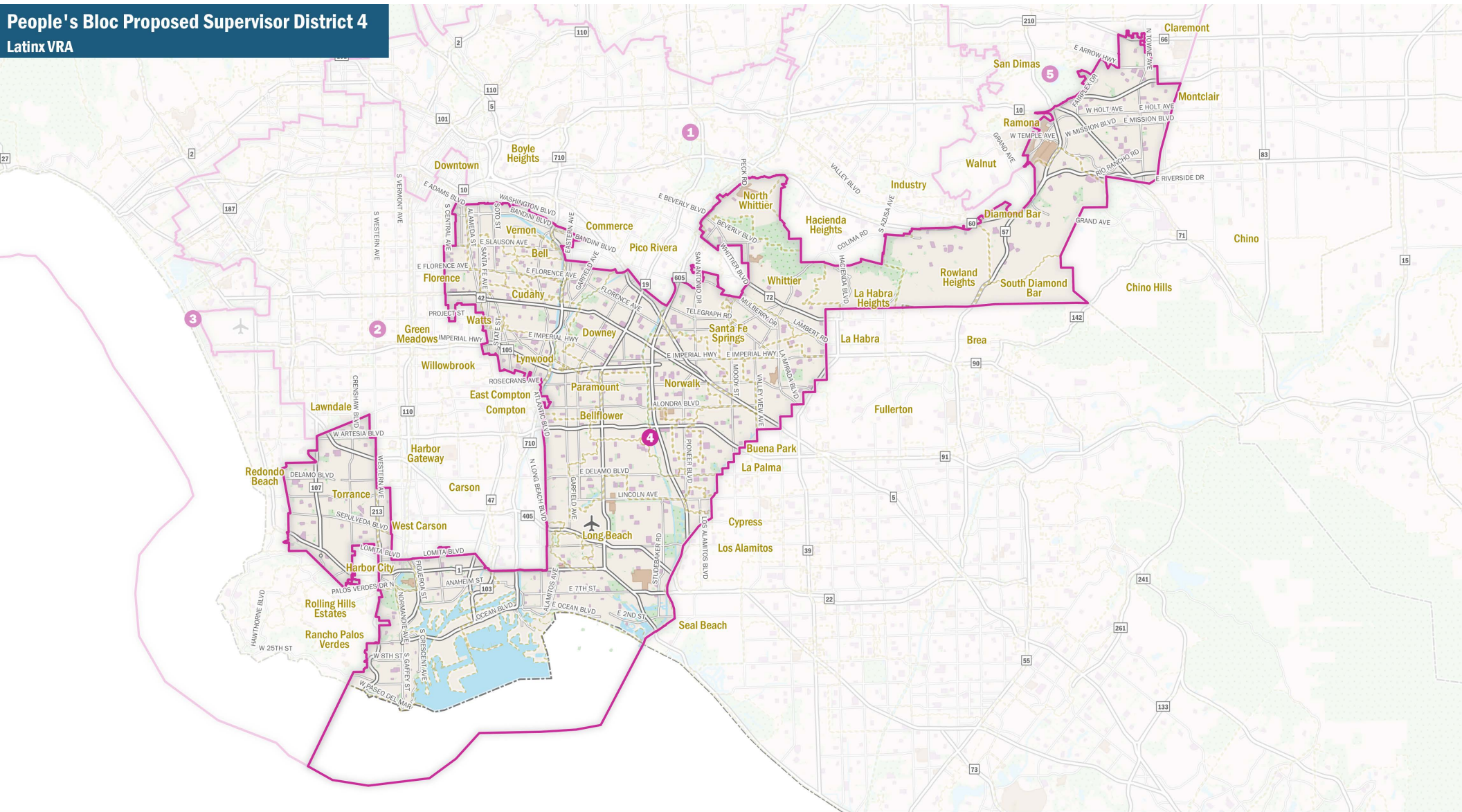
Population

District	Total	Deviation	% Deviation	Latinx	% Latinx	NH AIAN	% NH AIAN	NH Asian	% NH Asian	NH Black	% NH Black	NH NHPI	% NH NHPI	NH Other	% NH Other	NH Multi-racial	% NH Multi-racial	NH White	% NH White
2	1980721	-28867	-1.4%	1026177	51.8%	3442	0.2%	212462	10.7%	409764	20.7%	7444	0.4%	14158	0.7%	59974	3%	247232	12.5%



Data sources: Statewide Database,
Adjusted P.L 94-171 and
2015-2019 CVAP (DOJ Tabulation)

People's Bloc Proposed Supervisor District 4
Latinx VRA



Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) of Proposed Latinx VRA District

District	Total	% Total	Latinx	% Latinx	NH AIAN	% NH AIAN	NH Asian	% NH Asian	NH Black	% NH Black	NH White	% NH White
4	1285463	61.5%	645158	50.2%	6537	0.5%	200043	15.6%	96355	7.5%	324809	25.3%

Population

District	Total	Deviation	% Deviation	Latinx	% Latinx	NH AIAN	% NH AIAN	NH Asian	% NH Asian	NH Black	% NH Black	NH NHPI	% NH NHPI	NH Other	% NH Other	NH Multi-racial	% NH Multi-racial	NH White	% NH White
4	2088518	78930	3.9%	1246710	59.7%	4195	0.2%	298128	14.3%	117956	5.6%	7191	0.3%	10738	0.5%	54497	2.6%	349101	16.7%

Proposed District

County Boundary

City/Town/Neighborhood

Public Schools (K-12)

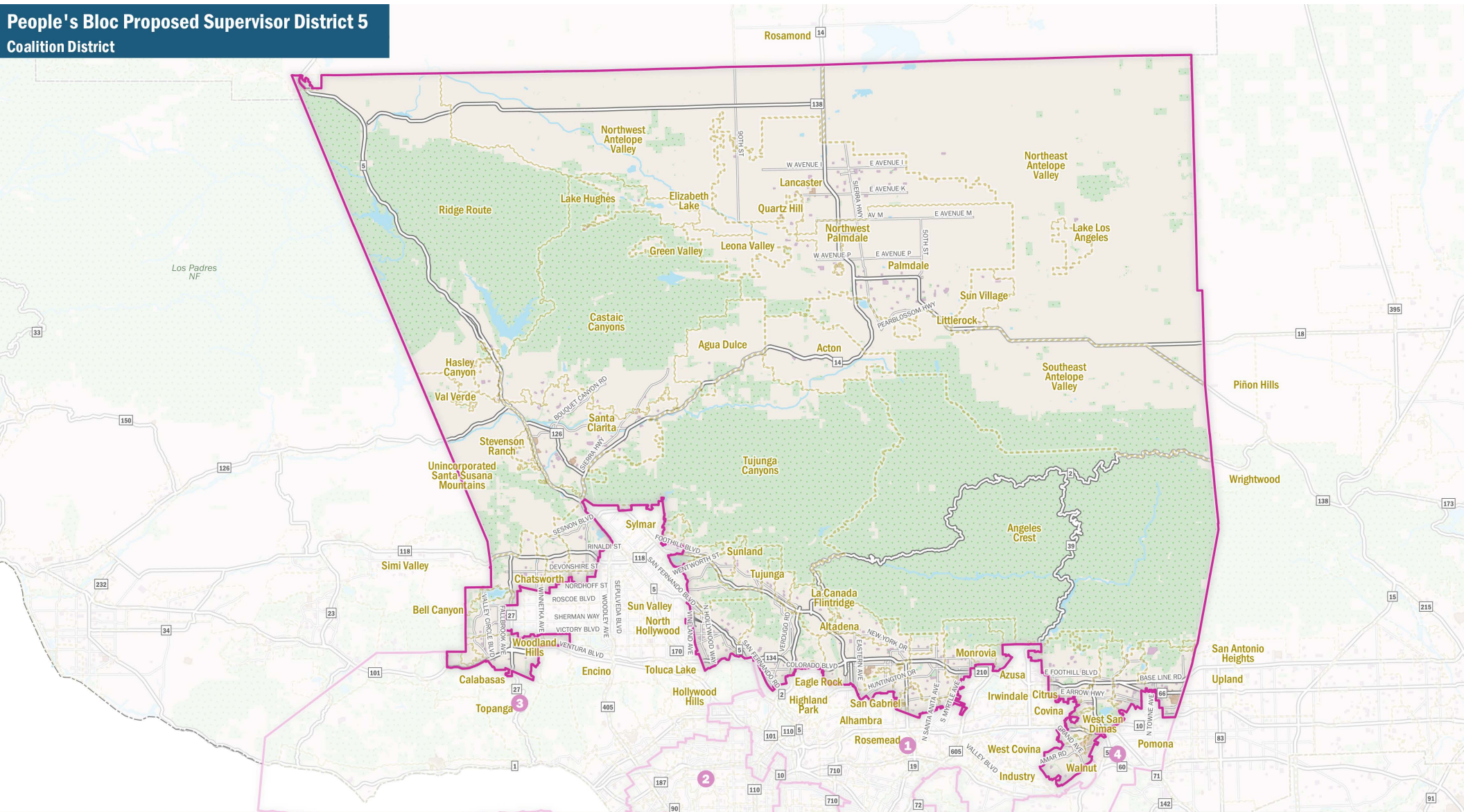
Universities, Colleges & Community Colleges

Parks and Open Space



Data sources: Statewide Database, Adjusted P.L. 94-171 and 2015-2019 CVAP (DOJ Tabulation)

People's Bloc Proposed Supervisor District 5
Coalition District



Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) of Proposed Coalition District

District	Total	% Total	Latinx	% Latinx	NH AIAN	% NH AIAN	NH Asian	% NH Asian	NH Black	% NH Black	NH White	% NH White
5	1345613	67.1%	344921	25.6%	11023	0.8%	214161	15.9%	97480	7.2%	670265	49.8%

Population

District	Total	Deviation	% Deviation	Latinx	% Latinx	NH AIAN	% NH AIAN	NH Asian	% NH Asian	NH Black	% NH Black	NH NHPI	% NH NHPI	NH Other	% NH Other	NH Multi-racial	% NH Multi-racial	NH White	% NH White
5	2004896	-4692	-0.2%	636657	31.8%	4083	0.2%	328672	16.4%	122379	6.1%	2084	0.1%	12058	0.6%	80414	4%	818548	40.8%

Proposed District

County Boundary

City/Town/Neighborhood

Public Schools (K-12)

Universities, Colleges & Community Colleges

Parks and Open Space



Data sources: Statewide Database, Adjusted P.L. 94-171 and 2015-2019 CVAP (DOJ Tabulation)

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Malibu Coalition for Slow Growth

October 19,2021

Honorable Commissioners,

The Malibu Coalition for Slow Growth and its many supporters urges the Commission to have Malibu, Angora Hills, Hidden Hills, Calabasas, and Westlake Village, remain in the same district because of their shared Community of Interest.

These cities are members of the Los Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments and share common interests in protecting the Santa Monica Mountains and its many watersheds

They are all a part of the Santa Monica National Recreation Area. In fact, Malibu is located entirely in the Recreation Area.

They share the same wildfire safety and evacuation concerns. They are served by the Los Angeles Lost Hills Sheriff Department and the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

They share the same canyon roads including Decker Canyon, Kanan, Malibu Canyon and Topanga Canyon with the same traffic concerns.

Please note: Malibu has no common interest with the city of Los Angeles, and the City of Santa Monica which lie to the east of Malibu. Nor does it have a common interest with Ventura County, a different county, that lies to the west. The ocean is to the south. It is to the north where its common interests reside with the Santa Monica Mountains, the National Recreation Area and the cities Angora Hills, Hidden Hills, Calabasas, and Westlake Village.

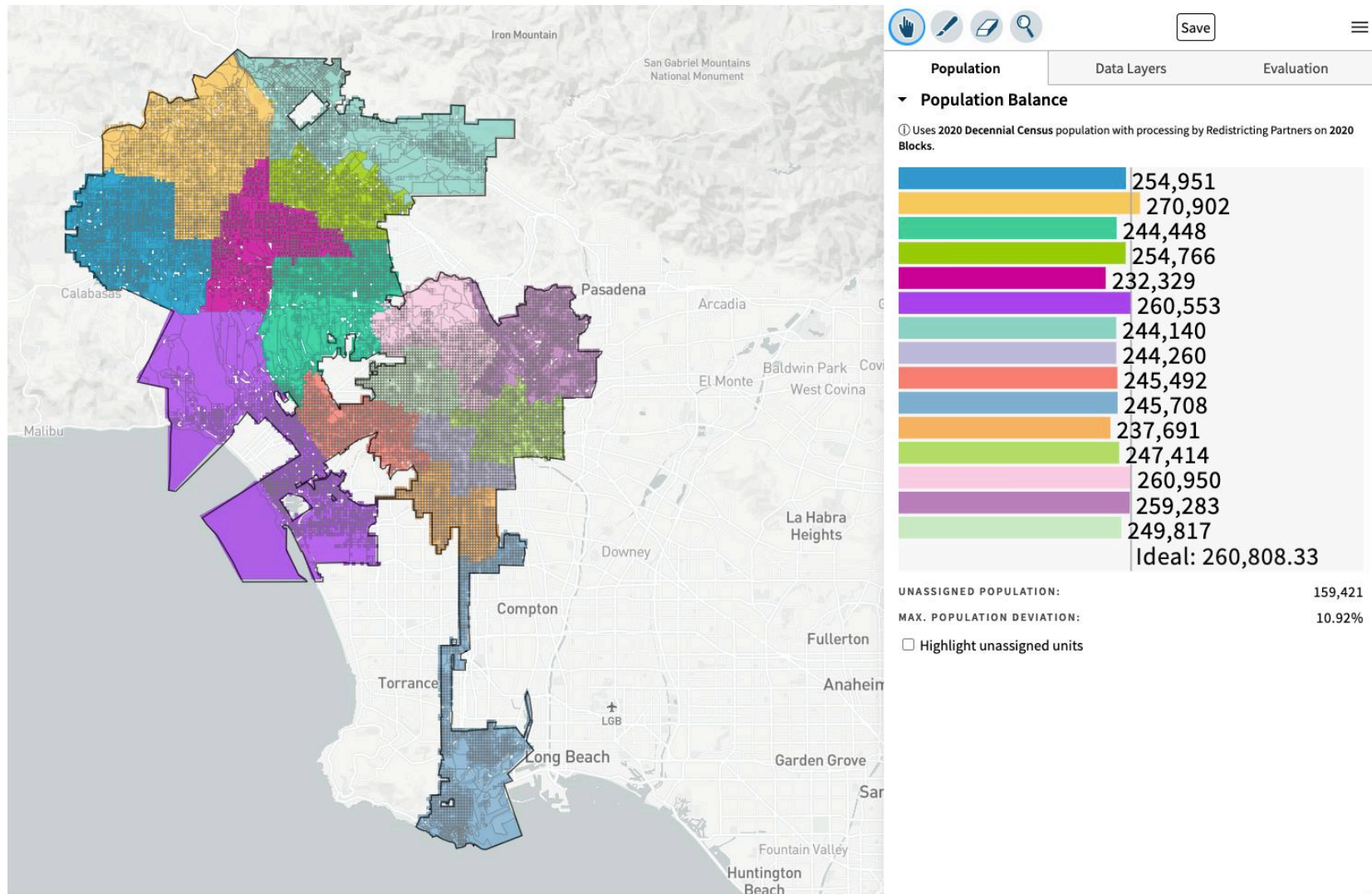
Thank you for considering our position on this matter.

Respectfully,
Patt Healy, Co-Founder
Malibu Coalition for Slow Growth
6085 Paseo Canyon Drive, Malibu Ca 90265

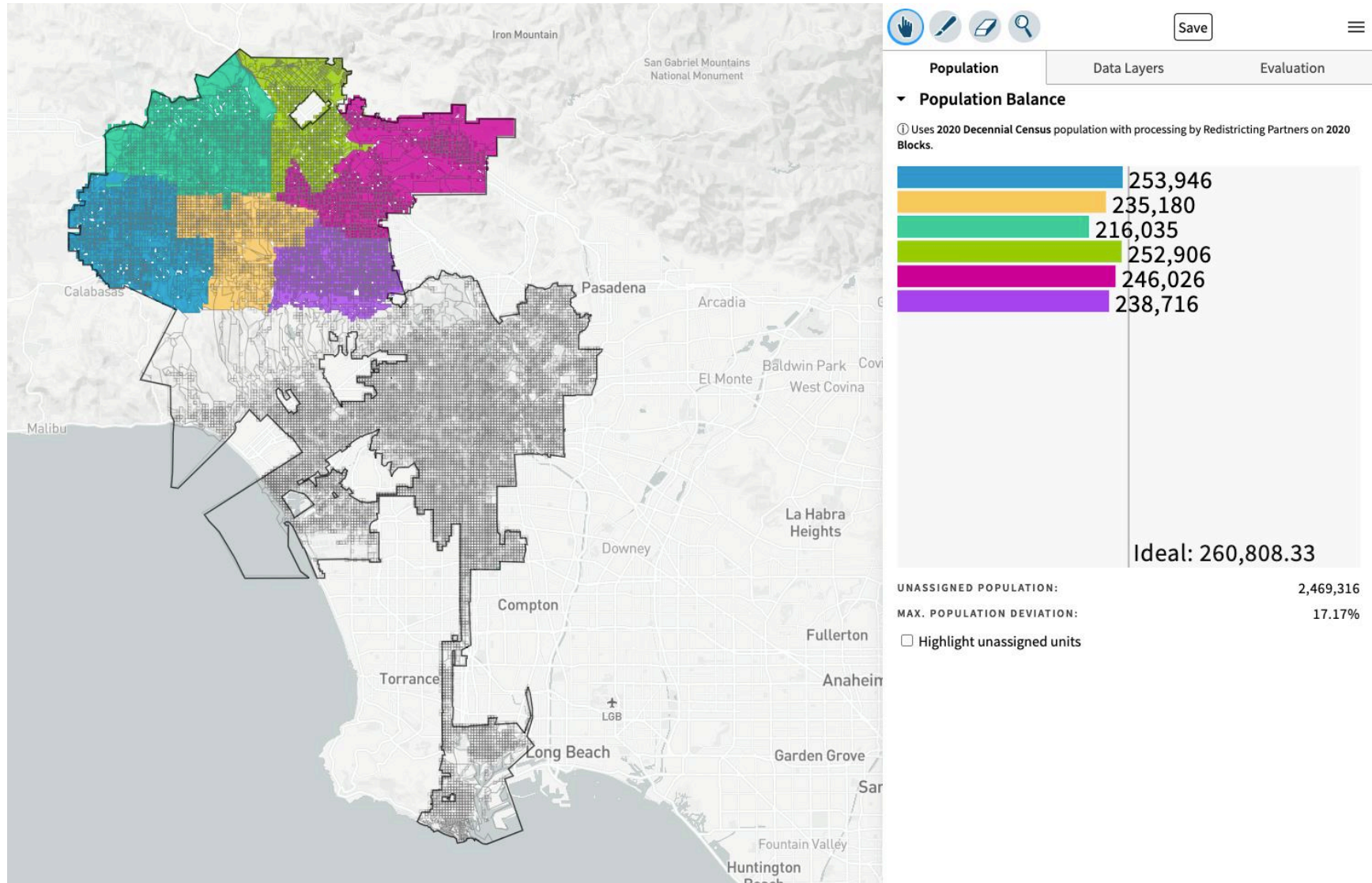
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This is a map I drew of LA City - you are able to use Neighborhood Council Boundaries, LA Times neighborhoods, and see existing City Council boundaries: <https://districtr.org/edit/55547?event=mapsofla> You are able to see the population per district as well as the number of Districts with greater than 50% of a certain population - Hispanic, Black or Asian.



This map I just drew for the San Fernando Valley based on Communities of Interest testimony, and geographical boundaries, etc. <https://districtr.org/plan/63063>



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El Camino Village

Community Watch Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 875, Lawndale, CA 90260

ElCaminoVillageNews.com

October 23, 2021

Dear LA County Redistricting Committee,

It was very recently brought to our El Camino Village Community Association's attention that LA County will be redrawing the district map lines to best suit the needs of individual communities which only happens once every 10 years. This is a very important matter that we feel may have a direct impact on our small community of El Camino Village which is currently in district 2 under Holly Mitchell.

Due to the short notice, we have not been able to discuss the pros and cons within our own Association or with any officials that are versed in the impact of such a decision. We are simply submitting this letter to inform you that we are interested in discussion and possibly proceeding with being a part of changing where our map boundaries are.

We are a diverse, hard-working, and family oriented Community. Our homes, families and safety are everything to us and the residents who live in El Camino Village are for positive change and economic growth. We also tend to hear from residents that our concerns are different than our surrounding neighborhood communities. It seems that our community may be more in alignment with the "seaside" communities in district 4. It appears that the line separating district 2 and 4 is along Manhattan Beach Blvd. We would like to consider moving the line to Marine Blvd. in order to encompass El Camino Village within the seaside communities map boundaries.

Please let us know who we should get in contact with in order to discuss thoroughly.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tamaryn Byrne", written over a horizontal line.

Tamaryn Byrne

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